

JEWS QUARREL OVER JAFFA

Terrorists Reprimanded By Hagana

Contemplate Possibility Of War

Washington, Apr. 26. It was disclosed today that the Defence Secretary (Mr. James Forrestal) believes the United States must "contemplate the possibility of war" in making United States military plans.

And the Army Chief of Staff (General Omar Bradley) admits military leaders are a "little bit more afraid something will happen than we were three months ago."

These candid statements on current military thinking were made to the Senate Armed Forces Committee last Wednesday when the defence chiefs first presented their compromise 46-group air force plan.

Senator Chin Gurney today made public the transcript of a secret session with some delegations.

Mr. Forrestal told Senators he believed present world tensions "are permanent." He said last year military leaders based plans on the "assumption of no immediate danger of war."

"We think now that we have to contemplate the possibility of war," General Bradley agreed. He said that up to two or three months ago the Army did not envisage any immediate war danger. He added, "We are not sure now that there will be no war right away."—United Press.

Strike Threatens Milan

Milan, Apr. 26. A general strike threatened the largest Italian industrial city today following last night's riot in which one policeman was killed and over 25 persons injured.

The Communist-controlled Milan Chamber of Labour met last night immediately after the riot to consider a strike to protest the "police provocation" in taking action against unauthorised demonstrations by uniformed partisans. Having failed to reach agreement the Chamber resumed deliberations this morning.

Less serious riots than those in Milan occurred last night in Turin and Brescia when extreme leftist partisans held unauthorised strikes in commemoration of the third anniversary of the liberation.

In Brescia, over ten persons were injured when jeep-riding police, switching nightsticks, charged defiant partisans.—United Press.

Singapore Strike Broken

Singapore, Apr. 26. Unloading of ships was again under way today in Singapore Harbour, paralysed by strikes for nine days.

Members of two small Chinese unions with a total membership of about 1,350 men returned to work. But the Singapore Harbour Labour Union, which claims 6,000 members, remained on strike.

Harbour officials said normal unloading is under way on all eight ships alongside, but they declined to announce the number of workers back.

The separate strike by lighter stevedores also appeared to have been broken. One thousand stevedores today were unloading ships in the roads outside the harbour area.

Individual settlements were reached with unions by 16 out of 20 lighter contractors. It was announced.—Associated Press.

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UN Plans For Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Apr. 26. The Jewish offensive against Jaffa was resumed today by Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists despite repeated requests—which threatened to erupt into clashes—by Hagana to leave the Arab city alone.

The clatter of gunfire, explosions of bombs and mortars began about 11 a.m. and subsided after about an hour.

Casualties could not be immediately learned.

Bullets from Jaffa hit high buildings inside Tel-Aviv.

Jaffa has been one of the most persistent trouble spots in Palestine since hostilities broke out after the United Nations voted for partition.

A Hagana spokesman today denied the reported encirclement of Lydda airport. Officials of the Palestine Government said British police still occupied the airfield.

A flare-up at Lydda is expected as soon as the British evacuate the airport.

Arabs Flee

The police said a thousand Arabs fled yesterday as the Jews battered the city with mortars in the fiercest attack of the five-month "war."

The police Superintendent (J.M. Flanagan) said at least four persons were killed and 82 wounded as the Irgunists' mortars, firing from No Man's Land between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, hammered the heart of the Jaffa business section.

Mr. Flanagan said Irgun forces were reported driving back after seizing the railway station and the big Manshihah police station and had not been able to hold any part of the Arab city.

A Hagana broadcast last night accused the Irgun of "including in dangerous adventures."

To Safeguard Jerusalem

At Lake Success, the United Nations General Assembly today began to take priority action to safeguard Jerusalem and make the Holy City an island of peace in embattled Palestine.

The Political and Security Committee of the Assembly dropped for the time being discussion of the overall Palestine problem. It turned to the heavily backed French proposal which would authorise immediate steps to place Jerusalem and its Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places in the care of the United Nations.

The Committee convened with the understanding it will not tackle the main Palestine problem until the matter of Jerusalem had been disposed of. Concentration on the Holy City drove home the belief here it may be impossible for the United Nations to form a new government for Palestine in the 25 days left before Great Britain ends her mandate and renounces all responsibility for the Holy Land.

Meanwhile, Russia ended her long boycott of the Trusteeship Council, the agency which would be responsible for governing Palestine under the American trusteeship plan.

Semen Tsarapkin, the Soviet's Palestine expert, was named to represent Russia on the Council.—United Press.

Abdullah To Lead Arab Legion

Cairo, Apr. 26. A well-informed source said today that King Abdullah of Transjordan will lead his British-trained Arab Legion against the Jews in Palestine immediately.

This source, one of the best informed in Cairo, said this was decided in a conference of Abdullah with other Arab leaders on Saturday.

He said Abdullah would lead the movement in person.

Some 10,000 of Abdullah's soldiers—about two thirds of the Arab Legion—already are in Palestine on security duty with the British.

Transjordan is just across the Jordan River east of Palestine. The British recognize it by treaty as an independent kingdom.

The informant said the Arabs fear the proposed Jewish State in Palestine will become an Arab Volunteer Army now in that country is supplemented at once with regular troops.

He reported the conference has decided to stop the flow of oil through the pipeline from Iraq to Haifa.

The Amman conference closely followed the latest Jewish military success in Palestine—the capture of most of Haifa.

To Inform Saud

Besides Abdullah, those attending were Belmont Abdul Illah of Iraq and his Minister of Defence and Army Chief of Staff, the Lebanese Premier, Riad El Solh and his Minister of Defence.

New Birth Certificate Ordinance

An Ordinance to provide for an "additional" type of birth certificate is to have its first reading in Legislative Council tomorrow.

The object of the Bill is to authorise the Governor in Council to make regulations under section 28 of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and under section 13 of the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947, to provide for the issue by a registrar in the General Register Office of certificates of birth in a shortened form and at a reduced fee of fifty cents. The regulations to be made will contain the form of the certificate. Such certificate will omit all reference to parentage, and in respect of adopted children, all reference to adoption.

The Bill does not interfere with the existing right of any person to obtain the ordinary forms of birth certificate at present issued under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947.

The Bill follows closely the provisions of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1947, (10 & 11 Geo. 6, c. 12).

CANDIDATES REPORTED WILLING TO STAND

Nanking, Apr. 26. China's interrupted Vice-Presidential elections are likely to be resumed on Wednesday, following a reported agreement of all three remaining candidates—General Li Tsung-jen, General Cheng Chien and Dr. Sun Fo—today to recall their withdrawal.

Dr. Hu Shih, head of the specially formed National Assembly Presidium delegation to straighten out the Vice-Presidential issue, told the press this morning: "All three have agreed to contest the election once more," following the delegation's representations to them.

General Li Tsung-jen, Vice-Presidential candidate, in a statement to the press tonight, said: "If democratic freedom is given full protection and party manipulation can be eliminated, I will accept election again."

Supporters of General Cheng Chien, another for the Vice-Presidency, also indicated that he would run in the election if both Dr. Sun Fo and General Li Tsung-jen decide to contest the election.

Meanwhile, in an endeavour to break the election deadlock, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek held a luncheon party today, attended by Dr. Wang Chung-hui, former Foreign Minister, and well-known jurist, who framed China's new constitution, General Pai Chung-hsi, Minister of National Defence, Mr. Chung Li-sheng, Minister of the Interior and two others.

Pai's Statement

General Pai, in a statement to reporters before the luncheon, said: "When I see the Generalissimo, I will suggest to him that neither Government nor party should accept any pressure to restrict the freedom of the delegates in casting their votes."

According to local press reports tonight, supporters of General Li Tsung-jen and General Cheng Chien have formed themselves into a solid block and declared that "they will not vote for Dr. Sun Fo."

Meanwhile, the National Assembly Presidium held a meeting this afternoon to receive reports from the committee appointed to intercede in the election dispute.

The Young China Party and Social Democrats, in a statement issued today, criticised the action of the three Vice-Presidential candidates in withdrawing from the elections as "hasty and unwise," and expressed apprehension over the "future of democracy in China."

The Presidium, following the afternoon's meeting, declared that it could not arbitrate further in the election dispute and has decided to "leave the matter with the National Assembly delegates" themselves.

However, the Presidium declared a further day's recess for tomorrow. A spokesman stated later that the National Assembly will meet again on Wednesday when it is hoped that a third ballot will be held.

"At the present moment supporters of General Li Tsung-jen say the general will not run in the future Vice-Presidential race. No reasons were advanced for this decision."—Reuter-AAP.

Stop Press

Nanking, Apr. 26. General Li Tsung-jen tonight reiterated his determination not to recall his withdrawal from the Vice-Presidential race in spite of all the persuasive attempts by the Presidium of the National Assembly.

He blamed party jealousy for his stand, declaring that his opponents went so far as to "accuse me of being backed by the Communists and receiving Communist funds for my campaign."

General Li's decision not to re-enter the Vice-Presidential race leaves the whole election picture nowhere nearer a settlement.

He had a final interview with the Generalissimo tonight and announced that preparations were underway for a return to his military headquarters in North China.—Reuter-AAP.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Modern Amazons



Girls of the Haganah amid the rubble of Mount Castel, which was taken by storm after a ten-day see-saw battle earlier this month.

PAGEANTRY AT HOME, IN COLONY, MARKS ROYAL SILVER WEDDING

The Silver Wedding anniversary of Their Majesties the King and Queen, was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday by a 21-gun salute fired at noon from H.M. ships London, Alacrity and Alert, followed in the evening, by a short fireworks display on board these ships in the Harbour.

At 8.45 p.m., sightseers gathered along the Praya to watch the display, saw the lights darkened on board London, Alacrity, Consort and H.M.A.S. Quiberon. Only the ships' anchor lights were left on.

At 9.15, the vessels sounded their sirens for 30 seconds as a warning that the display was about to begin.

The first bouquet of rockets soared into the sky against the darkened background of the Harbour at 9.20 and continued to illuminate the ships and surrounding waters for the next ten minutes.

London Cheers

In London yesterday, thousands of ceremony-loving Britons turned out to cheer their King and Queen as they drove from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral to celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary.

Functionally at 11 in the morning the State Landau drawn by six Windsor greys rolled out of the massive iron gates of Buckingham Palace. Inside it sat the King and Queen, side by side, just as they sat 25 years ago on their return from Westminster Abbey as man and wife. Beside them sat their younger daughter, Princess Margaret, smiling and waving to the crowds.

Following close on the landau were Princess Elizabeth and her husband, driving in State for the first time since their wedding.

And escorting the Royal Family was a Sovereign's Escort in full dress, the blue of the Life Guards and the scarlet of the Horse Guards providing the same colourful background as there was at the Royal wedding. The Household Cavalry were not in their gleaming cuirasses and white-plumed hats, as permission for them to appear in full dress is only given at important functions.

Along the tree-lined Mall the procession wended its way, passing St. James Park on the left and St. James Palace, built by Henry VII. and Marlborough House, on the right.

Communitists Blamed For Japan Riots

Osaka, Apr. 26. Ten thousand Koreans, demonstrating with permission, kidnapped two Japanese policemen for two hours today and then returned them unharmed as indications mounted that the Communists are instigating riots to embarrass the Americans in the South Korea elections scheduled for May 10.

The Koreans massed in front of the Osaka prefectural building while their leaders conferred with Japanese officials within on the Korean school controversy.

One of the Japanese arrested was a member of the Kobe city assembly.

Li Gen. Eichelberger and his staff filed a memorandum to the American military authorities in their resistance to Japanese "suppression of independence of Korean education... and of the right of races with a small population."

The memorandum was signed by the Japan Communist Party and copies were picked up at the scene of the demonstrations.

While the Osaka demonstration took place with official permission the American military authorities and the Japanese police blocked the demonstration planned for Kobe.

Exchange Rates Soar

Shanghai, Apr. 26. Shanghai's black-market foreign exchange and stock market quotations soared to new record highs today as a result of the uncertainty over the present political events, which climaxed with the one-day suspension of the Vice-Presidential elections in the National Assembly.

Curb quotations for the United States dollar touched a new peak of 750,000 Chinese Dollars after opening this morning at CN\$750,000—while an ounce of gold fetched CN\$2,000,000.

Foreign shares recorded average gains of ten per cent during the day's trading, though Chinese shares advanced only slightly.

The Central Bank of China meanwhile maintained its 20 day foreign exchange "open market" rates (CN\$324,000 per U.S. dollar) and the Foreign Exchange Fund Equalisation Committee announced that it did not at present contemplate any upward revision of the market rate.

Observers here, however, pointed out that the Central Bank will not be able to influence the stability of the financial markets which continues in a "runaway" tempo, despite the low open market rate.—Reuter.

BUBONIC PLAGUE

Canton, Apr. 26. A bubonic plague has been discovered in southern Kwangtung, the Canton Quarantine Service announced here today.

Areas affected are Lamkong and Onpoo. Two medical teams have been dispatched to the affected areas. An anti-bubonic plague campaign is scheduled to be launched on May 1.—Central News.

Colony Greetings

The following message has been sent to Their Majesties on the occasion of their Majesties' Silver Wedding Anniversary:

"On the occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Wedding the Government and people of Hong Kong wish to join with all Your Majesties' subjects the world over in a common expression of loyalty and affection. On their behalf I tender with humble and loyal devotion, heartfelt congratulations on this occasion and best wishes for the future."

May Quit Palestine Earlier

London, Apr. 26. Britain in certain circumstances may terminate the Palestine mandate a few days earlier than May 15, London political quarters considered today.

Authoritative sources here, however, stated that the official date was "unaltered." These sources denied a London newspaper report from Jerusalem today that the British Cabinet, acting upon reports received from the Palestine Government, had already decided to surrender the mandate on May 5.

London political quarters have all along regarded the period between May 1 and May 15 as a "handing over" period and have never ruled out the possibility of the terminal date being slightly advanced. On recent showing, however, it has seemed unlikely that the advancement could be more than two or three days.—Reuter.

Simple Service

The Royal family drove down Fleet Street, home of the Press, up Ludgate Hill, named after King Lud, a mythical monarch to the West door of St. Paul's Cathedral, whose history can be traced back to before the advent of Christianity when it was a Temple to Diana.

At the massive door of the Cathedral, King George and Queen Elizabeth alighted and walked through the lines of flower-carriers in their scarlet and gold uniforms, to meet the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Dean of St. Paul's and high church dignitaries, and into the Cathedral.

For three-quarters of an hour the King and Queen sat side by side as church dignitaries officiated at a simple thanksgiving service. There were no elaborate decorations and men and women in the pews wore ordinary everyday clothes.

At noon, as the Royal family left the Cathedral, Army guns fired a Royal Salute and the couple smiled at each other as they looked back on that spring morning when the guns fired another salute—to their marriage.

Snipers Fire On US Plane

Seoul, Apr. 26. Snipers fired on an American courier plane on Cheju Island off Southern Korea, United States Army headquarters reported today.

The announcement said a C-47 of the troop carrier command was the target on Saturday of two snipers as it took off from the island's airstrip.

Island military government headquarters radioed the snipers were pursued but escaped. Army intelligence sought additional information but had difficulty contacting Cheju by radio.

Air Force officers at Kimpo airport near Seoul said they knew nothing of the attack. They said the plane's crew made no report of any such incident. It indicated the plane was not damaged and the crew may not have known they were fired upon.

Cheju has been the scene of political unrest for the past month. Nearly 30 persons have been killed in what is called Communist attacks on police, election registration headquarters and homes of rightists.—Associated Press.

TANGO COMPOSER DEAD

Montevideo, Apr. 26. Gerardo Mattos Rodriguez, 51 Uruguayan composer, died today. He was known especially for his tango compositions.—Associated Press.

The Weather

The anticyclone over China remains as weak high pressure areas over S. and N. China. A vigorous trough extends from NE China across the Yellow Sea and N.E. Another trough stretches from a low pressure area over N. Indo-China, to S. Formosa and thence NE to Kyushu. Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the E and SE of Japan.

Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds; cloudy with showers, night and morning fair periods during the afternoon.

Yesterday Weather—Maximum, 78.0 deg. F.; Minimum, 73.0 deg. F.

Forecast for 24 hours—Rainfall: 0.27 in.; Total cloud: 10.00 in.; Humidity: 85.00%; Wind: 10.00 mph.

Admiral Connelly, C-in-C of the U.S. naval flotilla now in Dublin, was guest of honour last night at a dinner given by Prime Minister John Costello.

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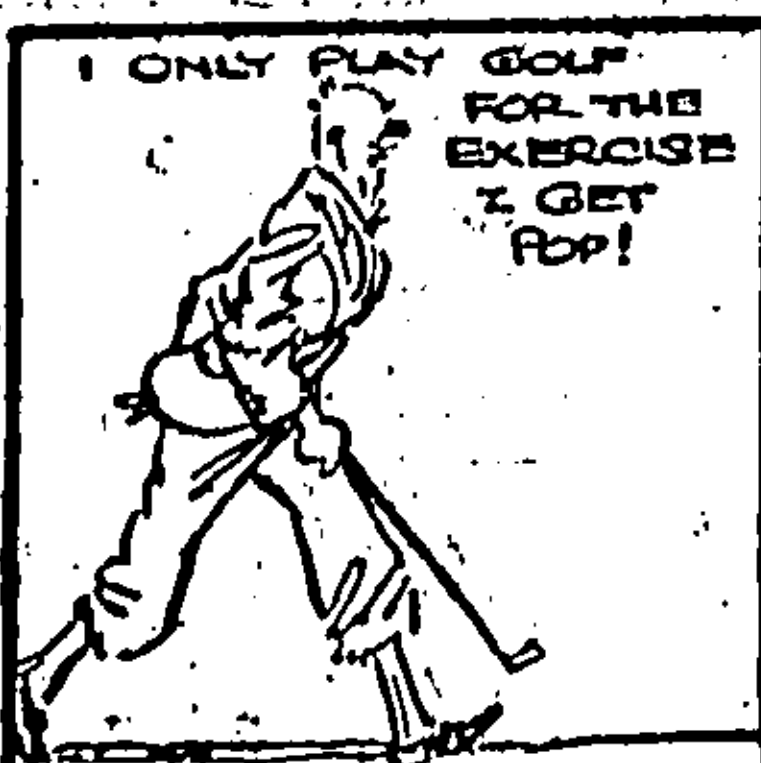
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Siam Banknote Forgery Trial

The trial of Yiu Ming, 28, shop foki, and Hui Kin-hei, 29, partner of an import and export firm, on charges concerning forged Tical bank notes on the Bank of Siam, commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

The accused were charged on the following counts: (1) conspiracy to utter 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on or about Dec. 29; (2) uttering 800 forged 20-tical notes on Dec. 30; (3) uttering 850 forged 20-tical notes on Jan. 13; (4) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on Jan. 10 and (5) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on Dec. 30. Hui was additionally charged with misprision of a felony by concealing the fact that Yiu had uttered 800 forged 20-tical notes.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. P. C. C. conducted the prosecution. Accused were not legally represented.

Another man, Wong Pui, 31, travelling trader, was also arraigned, but on pleading guilty to the charge of misprision of a felony, the Crown offered no evidence against him on the other counts. Wong was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Sentence on Wong will be passed at the end of the trial.

Bought At \$25

Opening for the Crown, Mr. Reynolds said that on Dec. 30, 1947, Yiu went to a money changer's shop at 9 Pedder Street, with 25 20-tical notes. The money changer purchased the notes at \$25 to 100 ticals, approximately the market rate. About 15 minutes later, Yiu again returned to the shop with the same quantity which was sold at the same rate. He then said that he still had about 17,000 ticals and that he had been offered \$25.20 to 100 ticals by another money changer and ought to get that price. On the money changer agreeing to the new rate, Yiu brought the notes. A few were rejected because of ink spots, but approximately 17,500 were brought, making a total of \$4,485.00. The money changer sold most of the ticals to one customer at \$25.50, but when he tried to sell the remainder to another money changer, he received certain information as a result of which he held the notes back.

On Jan. 13, after the money changer's suspicions had been aroused, Yiu phoned him and offered to sell a further 17,000 ticals. The money changer stalled and asked for Yiu's telephone number, but this was refused. Yiu saying that he would phone up again later. In the meantime the money changer, as a result of investigations, had concluded that the notes were forged.

Reminders

Today

Weekly Musical Recorded Concert (instead of Friday), European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.

High Requiem Mass for late President Manuel Roxas of the Philippine Republic, Rosary Church, 7.30 a.m.

Rotary Club luncheon, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Magic Circle, Cosmo Club, 9 p.m.

H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, 308, Queen's Edg., 12 noon.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

Diocesan Girls' Junior School Official opening by Mrs. M. K. Lo at Jordan Road, Kowloon, 5.30 p.m.

Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW

H.K. & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, Jardine's Board Room, 12 noon.

THURSDAY

Royal Air Forces Association fortnightly luncheon, Jacobean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

Central British School, presentation of prizes by the Governor, 11 a.m.

Maryknoll School, annual prize-giving and annual play, 6 p.m.

Shanghai Peking Rubber Estates, Ltd., Bungei-Duri Rubber Tapping, Ltd., annual meeting, 11 a.m.

Shanghai Peking Rubber Estates, Ltd., Bungei-Duri Rubber Tapping, Ltd., annual meeting, 11.30 a.m., and 12 noon.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

The food and fuel costs for the week ending April 24, issued by the Labour Office, were as follows:

Rice and Flour 7.2 cabbages \$5.1000	
Vegetables 1.0	7000
Salt Cabbage 2	2000
Oil 1	15750
Tea 2	9800
Salt Fish 3	7770
Fish 4	7800
Pork 5	8130
Firewood 10.0	7000
Bean Curd, 14, pieces	7000

Total \$12,303.00

The average of the food and fuel figures for the weeks ending March 6 to April 24 is \$13.88.

The Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of May, 1948 will therefore be:

Daily-paid Workers:

Adults \$2.10 per day

Children 2.50

Females 1.00

Monthly-paid Workers:

Males \$87.00 per month

Females 67.25

FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to April 25 1948 which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

Mrs. M. T. Cuse \$ 81

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Ladies Committee 2,500

Total \$2,691

Donations may be sent to the Hong Kong Rehabilitation Committee, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.
Through members (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the Whitsun Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club House at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary (the writer) or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chills etc.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discriminations and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. Sney,
Actg. Secretary.

Attempt To Create Kowloon Flower Mart

The recent raids by Health Department and Police officials on flower vendors along Nathan Road and other parts of Tsimtsatsui were carried out in conformity with Government's policy to rid the streets of unlicensed hawkers, the "China Mail" learned from reliable sources yesterday.

Since the re-assurance of license, the competent authorities have allocated sites for six flower-stalls at Middle Road, behind the Far East Motors garage, with the view of creating a "flower market" on the pattern of Hong Kong's "flower street" at D'Aguilar Street near Lan Kwai Fong.

Of these six sites, three have been taken up and stalls erected. Another successful applicant built at the idea of expending \$150 or so on the erection of a stall when informed by the other three holders that only a very negligible volume of business could be transacted daily, due, it was claimed, to the competition offered by the unlicensed vendors.

Two or three of these unlicensed sellers, it was further learned, have been warned on numerous occasions to cease business. One of them, a young man in his early twenties, was even warned by the Magistrate to "pack up" or else to bring his aged mother to the Urban Council to obtain a license for a licence to be issued to him. He not only ignored the Police and Health Department warnings, but also the advice of the Magistrate.

Flowers seized during raids have never been destroyed nor wasted but, with the consent of the Magistrate, consigned to a charitable institution, such as the Precious Blood Hospital.

EVADED TAXI FARE

Had in the sum of \$100 was forfeited by Benny Cantillar, Spanish-Hawaiian seaman of s.s. "President Monroe" when he failed to appear before Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday to answer the charges of evading payment of \$1 taxi fare and assaulting the driver, Yuen Cheung, at Nathan Road on April 25.

Language Confusion

The language difficulty cropped up during the extradition proceedings against Hsu Chi-chung, alias Chu Kai-chong, former director-general of the Chinese Government-controlled Postal Remittance and Savings Bank of Shanghai, who was alleged to have defrauded the Chinese Postal Bank of CN\$2,850,000,000.

At yesterday's hearing at Central Magistracy before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, a prosecution witness, Ho Ka-yu, under cross-examination by defence counsel, Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva, tied up both counsel and Court at one stage.

Objection by Crown Counsel, Mr. Lonsdale, to certain questions added to the confusion.

The matter was cleared up by the Magistrate, who suggested to defence counsel that he tackle the point from another angle.

Witness, sub-manager of the Postal Bank, at the last hearing, had explained the procedure whereby foreign exchange could be procured during the latter half of 1946. He had also illustrated how Powell and Sons, Ltd., had obtained exchange from the Central Bank through the Postal Bank.

During yesterday's cross-examination, the Hon. Mr. d'Almada confined most of his questioning to the relationship between two exhibits—N and P. Exhibit N referred to certain accounts of Powell and Sons Ltd., with the Postal Bank, while Exhibit P was the approval of the application of the company through the Postal Bank to the Central Bank for the purchase of US\$189,651. The two documents had similar figures entered in them.

Sitting on behalf of the Chinese Government is Mr. Peter H. Sin, while Chief Inspector W.W. Williamson represented the police.

Hearing was adjourned to today.

Corporation Presses Its Claim

Hearing of the claim by the Stateside Corporation of Prince's Building, against the Hing Cheong Hong of 88 Des Voeux Road West, for the return of \$49,768.32, representing monies paid for a consideration which had failed, was resumed before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The Stateside Corporation, plaintiffs, were represented by Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart of Messrs. Tso & Hodgson.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A.S.K. Lau of Messrs. A.S.K. Lau & Co., appeared for Hing Cheong Hong, defendants.
In their statement of claim, plaintiffs alleged that they paid to the defendants the sum of \$10,032.00, \$11,001.02 and \$19,735.20, under three contracts dated Dec. 10, 1946, Dec. 21, 1946 and Jan. 30, 1947. The contracts related to the purchase and sale of sulphur black.

Evidence in support of the defendant's case was given by Chan Chung-shing, proprietor of the defendant firm, at the original hearing. At yesterday's hearing Li Chun-lun, assistant manager of defendant firm testified. The defence intend to call another witness, but as he was not available yesterday afternoon, it was arranged that Mr. Bernacchi should open for the plaintiffs.

Merely A Contact Man

In the course of his opening, Mr. Bernacchi said that at the relevant time, the partners in the plaintiff corporation consisted of Tso Hak-on, Li Yuk-wan and Chan Kam-hon. A man named Wong Man-kei was employed by the plaintiffs as a salesman and it was his duty to obtain orders for plaintiffs. This man was provided with a list of goods which plaintiffs were prepared to buy and the prices they were prepared to pay. He was not in any way authorised to negotiate conditions of sale or to receive the purchase price. He was merely a contact man.

Cuisine Peculiarities Phase In Court Case

Chinese cuisine and its peculiarities formed a phase of the hearing of a charge of injecting fluid into quails brought up at Central Magistracy yesterday by Health Inspector A. W. Fowler against a 22-year-old foki of a Central Market poultry stall.

The Chinese have a peculiar manner of preparing roast birds, Mr. A. S. C. Comber, representing Ko Kwan, of No. 7 Graham Street, told the Magistrate. To make the skin brittle, a simple method was to inject air into the bird to separate the skin from the flesh.

Mr. Comber pleaded not guilty on behalf of his client to the standing charge but guilty to one of injecting air which the prosecution refused to accept. Air was injected into the animal skin from the carcass.

Ko Kwan, counsel explained, was a hawk in poultry and game. He had sold four quails for 90 cents each. He was then instructed by his customer, who bought them for a birthday party, to kill the birds and prepare them for a special dish, which required the special treatment of making the skin brittle.

His client, counsel contended, acted under instruction from his customer and there was no attempt to swindle the public. It was a technical offence.

Health Insp. Fowler in his evidence in chief said that at 12.05 p.m. on March 31, he visited the poultry killing room, Central Market, and found the defendant holding a rubber syringe, with one end in a tin of water. On seeing him the defendant put the quails, tin and tube under a sink and ran away.

Questioned as to his master's identity, defendant refused to divulge any information, witness said. The tube on examination was found to contain water. In reply to counsel, witness could not say whether the market bye-laws covered any such act or not.

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Pang denied he had any tickets. He offered to be searched and denied calling out.

Readers' Letters

Cheats, Frauds, "Suckers"

Sir—"Enquirer" deserves some support in his request to the Powers-that-be that the gullible public be protected from being made "suckers" of by the many unscrupulous cheats and frauds that seem to have always found their colony such an ideal happy-hunting-ground.

I had a friend—once, an artist whose skill I greatly admired, and who, because of this, I helped in many ways. Subsequently, I lost this man's goodwill when I declined to support an exhibition that he was putting up, ostensibly in aid of some very worthy cause. The exhibition was held, without any assistance from me; and it netted for the artist, I believe, quite a decent profit. Last I should be casting a reflection upon any artist who has held an exhibition in the Colony in recent months, I ought to say that the incident I have described took place before the Pacific War.

Then, there was that "clergyman" who went about Hong Kong collecting donations for certain missionary work, which occupation seemed quite commendable for "this reverence" for he did not particularly appear to be living in asceticism. But it would have been very illuminating if that "reverend" gentleman explained how he came by his venerable title, or how he disposed of the "savings" of the many zealots who believed that they were laying up treasures where moths do not eat nor thieves break through and steal.

I am prepared to disclose to the competent authorities, if it serves any useful purpose now, the identity of the two gentlemen mentioned above although the former has already passed beyond the pale of human justice. As for the "padre", I do not know whether he is still enjoying the all-embracing hospitality of this British Colony; for he has been very quiet of late; anyway, I have not heard of him for months. Very likely he is obeying his Master's injunction and doing good in secret. On the other hand, he may be, like a voracious python after a heavy meal, sleeping off his last gorge.

N. T. FRAUD

Appreciation

Sir—I shall be extremely grateful if you would allow me space in your esteemed paper to express my deep appreciation of the help extended me by two gentlemen out at Tsipo Road on Sunday afternoon when I had the misfortune of slight engine trouble while motoring with my family. Also to their fair companions, whose patient waiting in their own car could only be interpreted as full endorsement of the gentlemen's actions.

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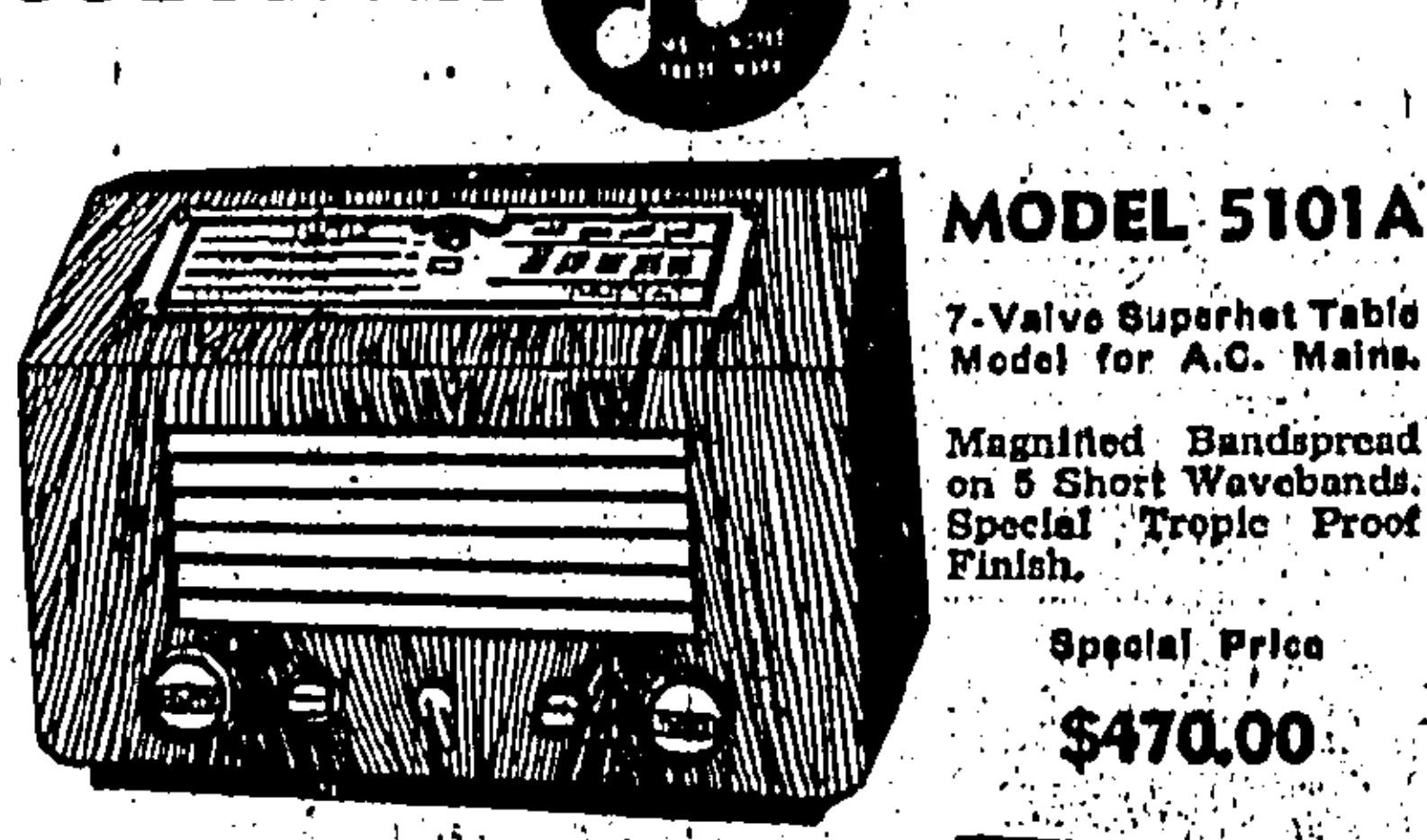
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"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company, and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. E. TERRY,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 22nd April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. E. Terry,

Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 303, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1948, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 16th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. G. CRAIG,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

The Town Office of the Com-

pany will be re-opened in

Room No. 307, Queen's Build-

ing, Connaught Road, Hong

Kong, on Friday, Monday, 26th

April, 1948.

THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 23rd May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June, 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

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Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

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May.

New tickets (for passengers

not holding a ticket for the

present month) can be obtain-

ed at the Traffic Office only

from 30th April.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS OF

Edwin Alfred Fitcher, Com-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

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Ordinance 1897, made an Order

limiting the time for creditors

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COMMUNIST RIOTS IN MILAN

Partisan Parade Clubbed By Police

Machine-Gunning Of Tramcar

Milan, Apr. 25.
Rifle-swinging police, aided by a timely rain storm, today broke up Italy's first post-election riot. Communists provoked and guided the wild demonstration in Milan's famed Cathedral Square.

For an hour police in jeeps and armoured cars fired into the air and charged time after time into the lines of 25,000 partisan fighters who were being led by Communists.

Panicky residents of the city cheered as heavy police reinforcements arrived. The Communists apparently fired at the police. A passer-by was known to have been injured and a national policeman killed by a bullet which reportedly was not from police guns.

A tram came under a burst of machinegun fire, but its terrified passengers escaped injury. This was the third anniversary of Italy's liberation from the Germans, and the partisans were allowed to celebrate with a meeting in the courtyard of Sforzesco Castle. There, the underground fighters of the war heard Luigi Longo, Italy's No. 2 Communist, declare:

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Polio In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 25.
One of six European victims of the infantile paralysis outbreak in Singapore died today in Middleton Hospital.
This was the second death since the outbreak started here last week.—Reuter.

Barges Held Up

Berlin, Apr. 25.
Barges held up at a Soviet checkpoint on the river Elbe last Tuesday began to enter the British Zone today, it was officially announced. The barge skippers had been told by the Soviet authorities not to re-enter the Soviet Zone without first obtaining new documents, the announcement said.

As the British authorities have no information about these new documents, it is unlikely that water traffic into, or through, the Soviet Zone will be renewed until the position is further clarified, it added.

The French Military Government today instituted a motor bus service between Berlin and Brunswick after Thursday's cancellation by the Russians of two express coaches.—Reuter.

HOSTAGES FREED

Athens, Apr. 25.
One thousand villagers carried off by guerrillas in the Natolina region were freed and 8,000 sheep and cattle stolen by the guerrillas were recovered in the Greek Government offensive in the mountain heights between Thermopylae and the Gulf of Corinth, tonight's Greek General Staff communique said.—Reuter.

Iraqi Demonstrates For All-Out Aid

Baghdad, Apr. 26.
All of Baghdad's colleges and schools declared an indefinite strike on Sunday until "the Government recruits all able-bodied Iraqis and sends the regular army to fight in Palestine."

Simultaneously, a mass meeting of the nation's Liberal party made the following demands:
1. The Regular Army should occupy Palestine.
2. Arms for Palestine must be collected from the Iraqi tribes.
3. Recruiting centres should be opened up throughout Iraq.
These moves followed "British treachery in surrendering Haifa to the Zionists," as one newspaper wrote.

TRAIN DERAILED

Birmingham, Alabama, Apr. 26.
At least two people were killed and 14 injured when the Miami-Chicago passenger train was derailed in an isolated area 17 miles north of Birmingham on Sunday. The driver and a passenger were reported killed.—Associated Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

LEARN HOW TO REVERSE
It is difficult for some pretty fair players to learn how to apply what experts call "reverse dummy" play to a deal. That term means simply that the declarer treats the dummy as the master hand and gets it up in front of setting up his own hold. This reversal is especially important with some suit contracts, whereby the declarer employs his own trumps for ruffing and uses those in the dummy for trump leads. Maybe it will help if we present a deal "upside down" as compared to the customary position.

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Danger Of Spanish Question

London, Apr. 25.
The Observer, in a copyrighted story, said today that the question of Spain "has emerged as the most dangerous possible cause of a political rift between Western Europe and the United States and it is felt in London that the time has come for direct discussions between the Foreign Ministers of the Brussels powers, Italy and the United States regarding Spain."

The article said the new factors in the Spanish situation were: firstly, Italian Premier De Gasperi's victory shattered Franco's claim that Communism cannot be resisted by the normal workings of political democracy and "there is a greater chance than ever for swinging away all respectable supporters from the present regime."

Secondly, good progress has been made in the Paris negotiations between Spanish Republicans and monarchists and an agreement is "at last within grasp."

Thirdly, the Western Union and Italy are fully agreed on the desirability of associating Spain with the Marshall plan and the undesirability of doing so as long as democracy is not restored.—United Press.

Bombay, Apr. 25.
One person was killed and three wounded when the Calcutta mail train was derailed about 174 miles northwest of here early today.—Reuter.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 41 metre band from 12.15 to 1.30, 6.30 to 7.50 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m.
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1.02 p.m.—Lewie Hutchinson (Vocal) at the Piano.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Songs and Music from Foreign Lands.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Hansome Episode 15: "Island Morning"... Read by Captain Flint. (Studio).
6.30 p.m.—Orchestra and His Orchestra.
6.50 p.m.—"See You" on Sport (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—Vocal Solo.
7.35 p.m.—Stage and Screen Favourites presented by Aileen Woods (Studio).
8.05 p.m.—Orchestral Favourites.
8.30 p.m.—"Merry-Go-Round" (D.B.C.T. 5).
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
9.15 p.m.—"The Royal Silver Wedding" Including a Special Message from Their Majesties The King and Queen. (London Relay).
9.45 p.m.—Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
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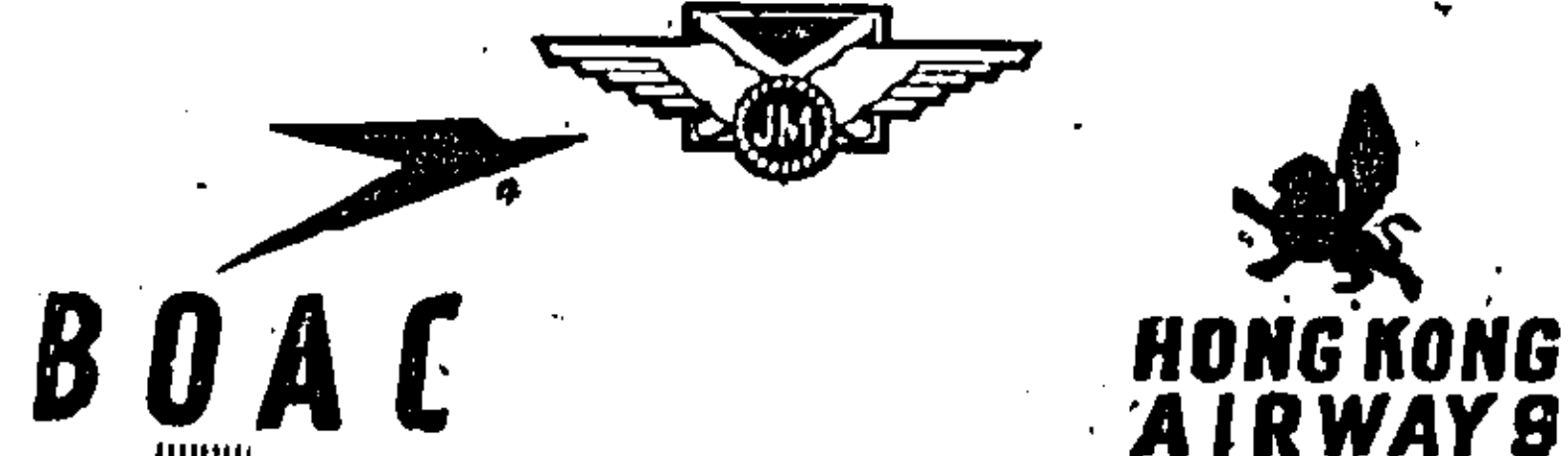
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DEATH

AZEVEDO.—On Tuesday, April 20, 1948 at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Jose (Jimmy) Maria D'Azevedo, aged 46 years, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Eliza D'Encarnacao D'Azevedo, father of Lucio and brother of Mrs. B. Hyndman, Freddy and Albert.

THE FREE INFORMATION PROBLEM

The resolution on freedom of information adopted at Geneva is remarkable, first of all, for the fact that it has the assent of 30 nations. Never before have the principles of a free press been laid down by a group of international representatives of governments. Whatever this resolution may add to the candlepower of truth, it must be acknowledged as a landmark.

In assessing its meaning, many considerations arise, and some of them are vexing. The sixth principal point says press personnel should organize one or more non-official organizations of persons employed in the collection and dissemination of news "to counteract the spreading of intentionally false or distorted reports which promote hatred or prejudice against states, persons or groups of different race, language, religion or philosophical convictions."

Superficially, this seems a sensible enough proceeding, but you run immediately into the question of proving intent when you talk about false or distorted reports. In freedom of the press there is the right to be wrong. That is what makes it freedom. Under a democratic form of government there is even a "right" to be venal, cynical and sinister in a publication, and such a publication cannot be penalized except by the laws of libel or corrupt practices when they happen to apply. So while we do not argue that the right to be wrong should include any real protection to the venal or corrupt, there is always the very delicate and elusive question of the motive in being wrong. History is studded with examples of "wrong" information which has proved right in the end and with examples of charges of corruption being applied to the editor who was at worst stupid.

Non-official organizations of the working press will never find it easy to pin down the "intentionally false or distorted report." We are sceptical of the desirability of their trying.

Apart from this reservation, we indulge the hope that the freedom of information resolution will possibly accomplish some good when plastered on the walls of newsrooms over that part of the non-Communist world which subscribes to it. Certainly there should be a more general guarantee of the right of newsmen to have the widest possible access to sources of information, to travel unhampered and to transmit copy without unreasonable or discriminatory limitations.

Living up to it is the rub. That is impossible without peace, for you have nothing resembling full freedom of information in war, and until peace is much more secure than it is now, all such efforts as this will have hard going to enlarge press freedoms. The attempt seems altogether worth while if not too much is expected of it. For, in the final analysis, the Geneva charter for freedom of information is primarily quantitative. It says (right-



In consequence of Hitler's occupation of the Rhineland on March 7, 1936, Mr. Eden, as Foreign Secretary, went to Paris accompanied by Lord Halifax and Mr. Ralph Wigram of the Foreign Office to consult with the French Government.

Mr. Flandin, then French Foreign Minister, was invited to come to London for a special meeting of the League of Nations. He arrived late on the night of Wednesday, March 11.

At about 8.30 on Thursday morning Flandin came to my flat in Morpeth Mansions. He told me that he proposed to demand from the British Government simultaneous mobilisation of the land, sea and air forces of both countries, and that he had received assurances of support from all the nations of the "Little Entente" and from other States.

There was little I could do in my detached private position but I wished him all success in bringing matters to a head and promised any assistance that was in my power.

Mr. Chamberlain was at this time, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, the most effective member of the Government. His able biographer, Mr. Keith Feiling, gives the following extract from his diary: "March 12. Talked to Flandin, emphasising that public opinion would not support us in sanctions of any kind. His view is that if a firm front is maintained Germany will yield without war. We cannot accept this as a reliable estimate of a mad Dictator's reaction."

When Flandin urged at least an economic boycott, Chamberlain replied by suggesting an international force during negotiations, agreed to a pact for mutual assistance, and declared that it by giving up a colony we could secure lasting peace, he would consider it.

Meanwhile most of the British Press, with the Times and the Daily Herald in the van, expressed their belief in the sincerity of Hitler's offers of a non-aggression pact. Austen Chamberlain, in a speech at Cambridge, proclaimed the opposite view. Wigram thought it was within the compass of his duty to bring Flandin into touch with everyone he could think of from the City, from the Press and from the Government, all of whom Flandin met at the Wigram's home in the following terms: "The whole world and especially the small nations today turn their eyes towards England. If England will act now she can lead Europe. You will have a policy, all the world will follow you, and thus you will prevent war. It is your last chance. If you do not stop Germany now, all is over."

"France cannot guarantee Czechoslovakia any more because that will become geographically impossible. If you do not maintain the Treaty of Locarno, all that will remain to you is to wait rearmament by Germany, against which France can do nothing. If you do not stop Germany by force to-day, war is inevitable, even if you make a temporary friendship with Germany."

"As for myself, I do not believe that friendship is possible between France and Germany; the two countries will always be in tension. Nevertheless, if you abandon Locarno, I shall change my policy, for there will be nothing else to do."

These were brave words, but action would have spoken louder. I advised M. Flandin to demand an interview with Mr. Baldwin before he left. The Prime Minister received M. Flandin with the utmost courtesy. Mr. Baldwin explained that although he knew little of foreign affairs, he was able to interpret accurately the feelings of the British people. And they wanted peace.

ly) that information should flow freely. But what the world's people need is that elusive thing, freedom of information not in quantity but in quality. Quality of information published rests with the editor who is publishing it. Only to the degree that he demands quality—that is, accuracy, meaningfulness, fairness and representativeness in a dispatch—will his readers get the consistent, integrated, reliable view of the world to which they are entitled and the presentation of which is the task of a responsible editor.

The Tenth Instalment "AND

Churchill's Memoirs THEY WANTED PEACE"

M. Flandin says that he rejoined that the only way to ensure this was to stop Hitler's aggression while such action was still possible. France had no wish to drag Great Britain into war; she asked for no practical aid, and she would herself undertake what would be a simple operation, as, according to French information, the German troops in the Rhineland had orders to withdraw if opposed in a forcible manner. All that France asked of her ally was a true hand.

The British Prime Minister repeated that his country could not accept the risk of war. He asked what the French Government had resolved to do. To this no plain answer was returned.

According to Flandin, Mr. Baldwin then said: "You may be right, but if there is even one chance in a hundred that war would follow from your police operation, I have not the right to commit England." And after a pause he added: "England is not in a state to go to war." There is no confirmation of this.

M. Flandin returned to France convinced, first, that his own divided country could not be united except in the presence of a strong will-power in Britain, and secondly, that so far from this being forthcoming, no strong impulse could be expected from her. Far too easily he plunged into the dismal conclusion that the only hope for France was in an arrangement with an ever more aggressive Germany.

In view of what I saw of Flandin's attitude during these anxious days, I felt it my duty, in spite of his subsequent lapses, to come to his aid, so far as I was able, in later years.

When after the war he was brought to trial, my son Randolph, who had seen much of Flandin during the African campaign, was summoned as a witness, and I am glad to think that his advocacy, and also a letter which I wrote for Flandin to use in his defence, were not without influence in procuring the acquittal which he received from the French Tribunal.

Weakness is not treason, though it may be equally disastrous. Nothing, however, can relieve the French Government of their prime responsibility. Clemenceau or Poincare would have left Mr. Baldwin no option.

The British and French submission to the violations of the Treaty of Versailles and Locarno, involved in Hitler's seizure of the Rhineland, was a mortal blow to Wigram.

"After the French delegation had left," wrote his wife to me, "Ralph came back, and sat down in a corner of the room where he had never sat before, and said to me: 'War is now inevitable, and it will be the most terrible war there has ever been. I don't think I shall see it, but you will. Wait now for bombs on this little house.'"

"It was actually smitten." "I was frightened at all his words, and he went on: 'All my work these many years has been for use. I am a failure. I have failed to make the people here realise what is at stake. I am not strong enough, I suppose. I have not been able to make them understand. Winston has always, always understood, and he is strong and he is to the end.'"

When Hitler met his generals after the successful re-occupation of the Rhineland, he was able to confront them with the falsity of their fears and prove to them how superior his judgment of "intuition" was to that of ordinary military men.

France was thrown into incoherence, amid which fear of war and relief that it had been avoided predominated. The simple English were taught by their own Press to comfort themselves with the reflection: "After all the Germans are only going back to their own country. How should we feel if we had been kept out of, say, Yorkshire, for 10 or 15 years?"

No one stopped to note that the detrainment points from which the German Army could invade France had been advanced by 100 miles. No one worried about the proof given to the powers of the "Little Entente" and to Europe that France would not fight, and that England would hold her back even if she would.

During this exciting period my own personal fortunes were, it now appears, discussed in high quarters. The Prime Minister, under constant pressure, had decided at last to create a new Ministry—not of Defence, but of the Co-ordination of Defence.

I did not consider the constitution of the new office and its powers satisfactory. But I would gladly have accepted the post, being confident that knowledge and experience would prevail. Apparently (according to Mr. Feiling) the German entry into the Rhineland on March 7 was decisive against my appointment. It was certainly obvious that Hitler would not like it.

On March 9 Mr. Baldwin selected Sir Thomas Inskip, an able lawyer, who had the advantages of being little known himself and knowing nothing about military subjects. The Prime Minister's choice was received with astonishment by Press and public.

To me this definite and as it seemed final exclusion from all share in our preparations for defence was a heavy blow. I had to be very careful not to lose my

poise in the great discussions and debates which crowded upon us, and in which I was often prominent. I had to control my feelings and appear serene, indifferent, detached. In this endeavour continuous recurrence to the safety of the country was a good and simple rule.

In order to steady and absorb my mind I planned in outline a history of what had happened since the Treaty of Versailles down to the date we had reached. I even began the opening chapter, and part of what I wrote then finds its place without the need of alteration in this present book. I did not, however, carry this project very far because of the press of events, and also of the current literary work by which I earned my pleasant life at Chartwell.

Moreover by the end of 1939 I became absorbed in my "History of the English-Speaking People," which I actually finished before the outbreak of war and which will some day be published. "Writing long and substantial books is like having a friend and companion at your side, to whom you can always turn for comfort and amusement, and whose society becomes more attractive as a new and widening field of interest is lighted in the mind."

Mr. Baldwin certainly had good reason to use the last flickers of his powers against one who had exposed his mistakes so severely and so often. He thought no doubt that he had dealt me a politically fatal stroke, and I felt he might well be right. How little can we foresee the consequences either of wise or unwise action, of virtue or of malice!

Mr. Baldwin knew no more than I how great was the service he was doing me in preventing me from becoming involved in all the Cabinet compromises and short comings of the next three years, and from having, if I had remained a Minister, to enter

upon a war bearing direct responsibility for conditions of national defence bound to prove fearfully inadequate.

This was not the first time—or indeed the last—that I have received blessing in what was at the time a very effective dis-suals.

The far-reaching consequences of the fortification of the Rhineland were only gradually comprehended in Britain and the United States. On April 6, when the Government asked for a vote of Confidence in their foreign policy, I resorted to this subject:

"I do not doubt that the whole of the German frontier opposite to France is to be fortified as strongly and as speedily as possible. The creation of a line of forts opposite to the German frontier will enable the German troops to be economised on that line, and will enable the main forces to swing round through Belgium and Holland."

"Then look East. There the consequences of the Rhineland fortification may be more immediate. That is, as a less direct danger, but it is more imminent danger. The moment these fortifications are completed, and in proportion as they are completed, the whole aspect of middle Europe is changed."

"The Baltic States, Poland and Czechoslovakia, with which must be associated Yugoslavia, Rumania, Austria and some other countries, are all affected very decisively the moment that this great work of construction has been completed." Every word of this warning was successfully and swiftly proved true.

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Soviet Composer Keeps Mum

Moscow, Apr. 25.

Prokofiev, one of the leading Soviet composers, had still failed to reply to the Soviet Communist Party charges of "formalism" in his music when the Soviet Composers Congress, at which many composers have admitted the truth of party criticism, continued its session today.

"Formalist" composers were recently denounced by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for being "influenced by the modernistic bourgeois music of Britain and America."

Dmitri Shostakovich, another well-known composer, admitted that he had followed the wrong road and declared that Soviet musicians "must fight with all our strength against the influence of modern foreign music."

He promised to seek the way to a realistic, popular art. Shostakovich, who was one of the composers accused of displaying "bourgeois and formalist" influences in his music by the Central Committee, admitted the justice of the criticism. "The divorce from their national traditions could have led to certain of our composers—the formalists—into a blind alley and it not been for the timely warning given by the Central Committee," he said.

"Having now studied it thoroughly, I may say that I am really grateful to the Communist Party for this guiding criticism."

Mikhail Khrennikov, Secretary-General of the Organising Committee, reviewing the Conference speeches, said the silence of Prokofiev and Nikolai Myaskovsky testified "that they continue

to remove themselves from the collective and follow the individualistic character of their conduct during the past few years."

The letter of Vissarion Shebalin to the Congress and the statements by Muradeli and Khachaturian had failed to satisfy the audience, he said.

The Congress will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

A MATTER OF MONTHS

Washington, Apr. 25.
Senator Mildred Tyding Gough said in a radio address today that war should break out between the United States and Russia, "all Europe would be in Russian hands in a matter of several months."

The Democratic Senator from Maryland said that in the event of war, "Europe would be in Russian hands in a matter of several months."

The meeting was called by Dean L. J. Collins of Oreal College, Oxford. Present were Government officials and church representatives of Britain, Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Sweden and Italy.—Associated Press.

Primary Elections Wide-Open Race

Washington, Apr. 25.

The wide-open race for the Republican Presidential nomination neared the halfway mark today and heads into the stretch on Tuesday.

On that day, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania pick their delegates to the Republican National Convention. Massachusetts controls 35 votes, while "pivotal" Pennsylvania swings 7.

There are 1,094 delegates to the convention. Some 600 delegates already have been chosen by other States, so that more than half the delegates will have been selected when the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries are wound up.

Neither primary is expected to have any surface effect on the Presidential contest, although several factors may change that. For example, Pennsylvania provides voters with a blank "write in" space to express their choice

for candidates not on the ballot. Another factor is that none of the leading Presidential contenders is entered in either State.

Barring pre-convention deals, this means the votes of both States will be pledged to "favorite sons" in early convention balloting. It also means the Presidential race remains wide open, despite elaborate claims of first ballot victory by supporters of Governor Thomas Dewey of New York, and ex-Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota.—United Press.

SOCIALIST BACK-BITING

Rome, Apr. 25.
Italian left-wing Socialists, disturbed by the defeat when allied with the Communists in last weekend's elections, today expressed disapproval of "the foolish behaviour of our present party leaders."

"They were promised a meeting last month with the party National Council to study the political situation arising out of the elections."—Reuter.

ARMY CAMP RAIDED

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 25.
It was officially announced today that a few Jewish soldiers in an Army camp near Ramleh, who stole £160,000 worth of radio transmitters.—United Press.

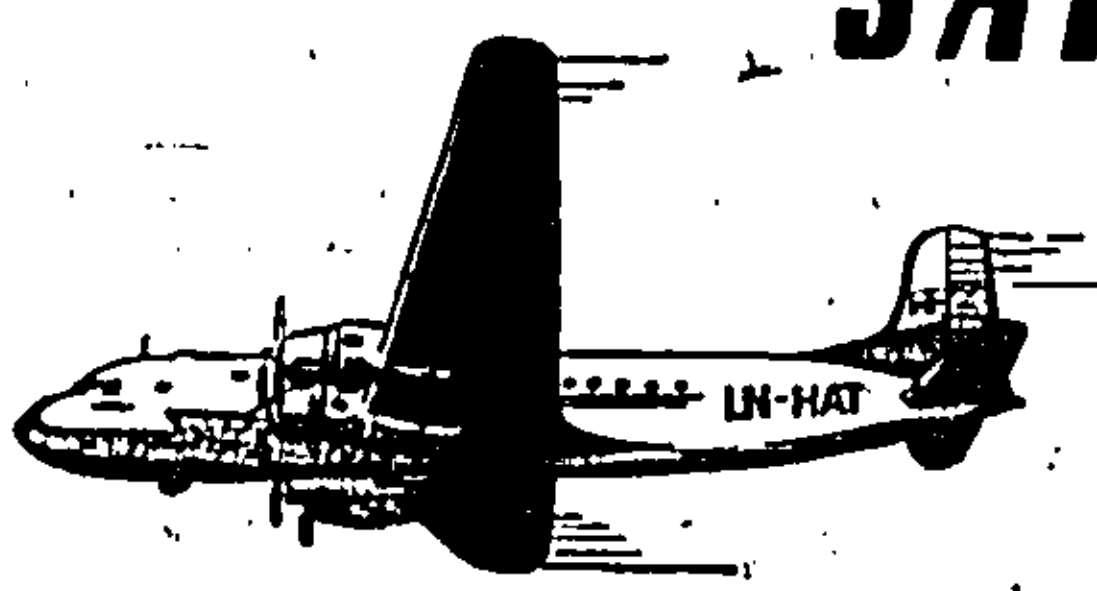
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Shinwell On Coal Inquiry

London, Apr. 25.
Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and former Minister of Fuel, told a meeting in the Eastington mining area of Durham today that the nationalised coal industry was "working very well, having regard to the unfavourable circumstances."

Mr. Shinwell referred to a report—already published—that the Government was to authorise an inquiry into the working of the National Coal Board.

"Parliament has accepted nationalisation and we are determined there will be no monkeying about with the administration of nationalisation by busybodies who would be far better employed promoting efficiency in private industry," he said.

He had no doubt that there would be a House of Commons debate on the activities of the National Coal Board.

"We cannot expect to achieve the production figures everybody desires until there is an efficient machinery established in the pits,"—Reuter.

Attack On The West

London, Apr. 25.
Pravda today attacked the Western Powers for the resumption of the conference on German questions, renewing its charges that the representatives of the United States, Britain and France had no power to make decisions regarding Germany's future.

A despatch, written by J. Viktorov and broadcast by Radio Moscow, stated: "It is not difficult to see that not one item on the agenda is within the competence of the London conference. All of them are exclusively the prerogative of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which alone can make decisions on these questions. No other decision can or will have the force of law and international authority,"—United Press.

Now, Before It Is Too Late

London, Apr. 25.

The influential Sunday newspaper, "The Observer," in a five-column editorial surveying the threatening war, said today that the "only basis on which to negotiate successfully with the Kremlin is one of ready armed strength."

The Observer said that any agreement with Russia would have to include Soviet yielding on two vital questions, those of international atomic control and the future of Germany.

The Observer said, "As long as no actual force confronts Russia in Europe, attempts to reach a final peace settlement may only increase the danger of immediate war by inviting miscalculations on her part."

"The essential thing is that we should be able to negotiate with Russia on the basis of actual, not potential, armed strength before Russia is equipped to wage an atomic war. Afterward it will be too late. For if Russia is once able to use atomic weapons, she will be less than ever likely to yield in the vital issue of international control and the world will live unbearably on the edge of an appalling catastrophe."

Our Need

"A decisive advantage in military strength, therefore, is what we need. Once that obtains, there will be a period during which a tolerable settlement with Russia might be reached without war. That clearly must be the prime aim and object of the Western policy. Such a solution and nothing less would give the United Nations a chance to be of value."

The Western Powers' military strength, the Observer said, should have placed the Lubek-Trieste line to halt any Soviet drive into Western Europe to submarine bases and "offer present help to the strategically vital Scandinavian Peninsula which the West could never again afford to lose to an enemy power."

Stories Grossly Untrue

Sydney, Apr. 25.

The Australian Chaplain-General, Father McCarthy, and the Rev. A. H. Stewart, refused to comment on their investigations in Japan into the moral behaviour of the Commonwealth Occupation forces when they returned to Melbourne today.

Father McCarthy, however, described as "grossly untrue" allegations that the orphanage of Hiroshima had been established to care for the illegitimate children of the occupation troops.

He said the orphanage was solely for the care of orphans who had been made homeless by the atom bomb.

The fact that no child in the orphanage was younger than 3½ years was sufficient evidence to clear the Commonwealth Occupation forces of the allegations, Father McCarthy added.—Reuter.

U.S. MILITARY AID FOR WESTERN UNION?

Washington, Apr. 25.

Informed Congressional sources today said that President Truman would send Congress a plan for limited shipments of American arms to the five-nation "Western Union" within the next three weeks.

The plan already has been presented informally to the Senate President (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) by the Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett) in two private conferences.

Patterned after wartime Lend-Lease, American military backing would be provided for the five nations which last month signed a mutual defence and economic pact at Brussels.

The Executive Committee of the Western Union—comprising Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—met for the first time in London yesterday. It is expected to establish a permanent military committee immediately, probably including representatives of the five General Staffs.

Action of that type is being awaited in both Congressional and administration circles as a prelude to assurances of American military backing.

Truman Pledge

The United States plan has not been put in final form, but the return of the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) from Bogota, Colombia, may put new pressure behind it.

The Lend-Lease plan stems from a pledge made before Congress by Mr. Truman on the day the Brussels pact was signed—March 17.

At that time, the chief executive said, "I assure the determination of the free countries of Europe to protect themselves will be matched by equal determination on our part to help them do so."

It is in fulfilment of this pledge that a programme to send limited quantities of United States guns, munitions and planes to Europe is being drafted by State Department and Army officials.

Government sources believe only limited shipments will be requested because of America's own defence needs and the top limit which can be mustered by the five nations.

The military plan would be separate from the European Recovery Programme, but Congressional sources said it would try to accomplish on the military front what the ERP sought to do on the economic front. That adds up to stabilisation of Western Europe and strengthening of the free Governments.—United Press.

Ceylon Troops On The Rampage In Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, Apr. 25.

About 800 men of the Ceylonese Royal Pioneer Corps, stationed here, were today confined to camp under armed Gurkha guards after serious rioting in the town last night.

Several Europeans were among those assaulted and three shops were wrecked by about 150 Ceylonese who rioted in three localities.

An official statement said a court of enquiry was being convened immediately.

The first warning of trouble came when a truckload of Ceylonese troops were stopped by military police along the main road to Ipoh.

An officer said a truck had been commandeered by the Ceylonese. It was reported back to camp and serious trouble started soon afterwards.

Europeans Hurt

A party broke out of camp and wrecked a Chinese restaurant near the camp gate in a few minutes. The rioters then lined the roads and began attacking passing cars, a European motorist with his wife and child being among the first injured.

A Chinese and a Ceylonese doctor were the worst victims of the rioters, who used sticks, stones and bottles.

As this was going on, another riot started in a neighbouring area, half a mile away, a liquor shop being attacked, smashed up and money taken from the till and two employees stabbed.

Military and civilian police rushed to the scenes of the riots and, after tense situations, arrested about 40 of the rioting Ceylonese.

Troops Stoned

British troops from the nearby Malaya District Headquarters were called out and, as they neared, the Ceylonese began throwing bricks and bottles at them.

The situation in the camp was soon brought under control, and armed Gurkhas who came on the scene threw a cordon around it.

Today, everything seemed quiet. The Ceylonese here were calling an emergency meeting of

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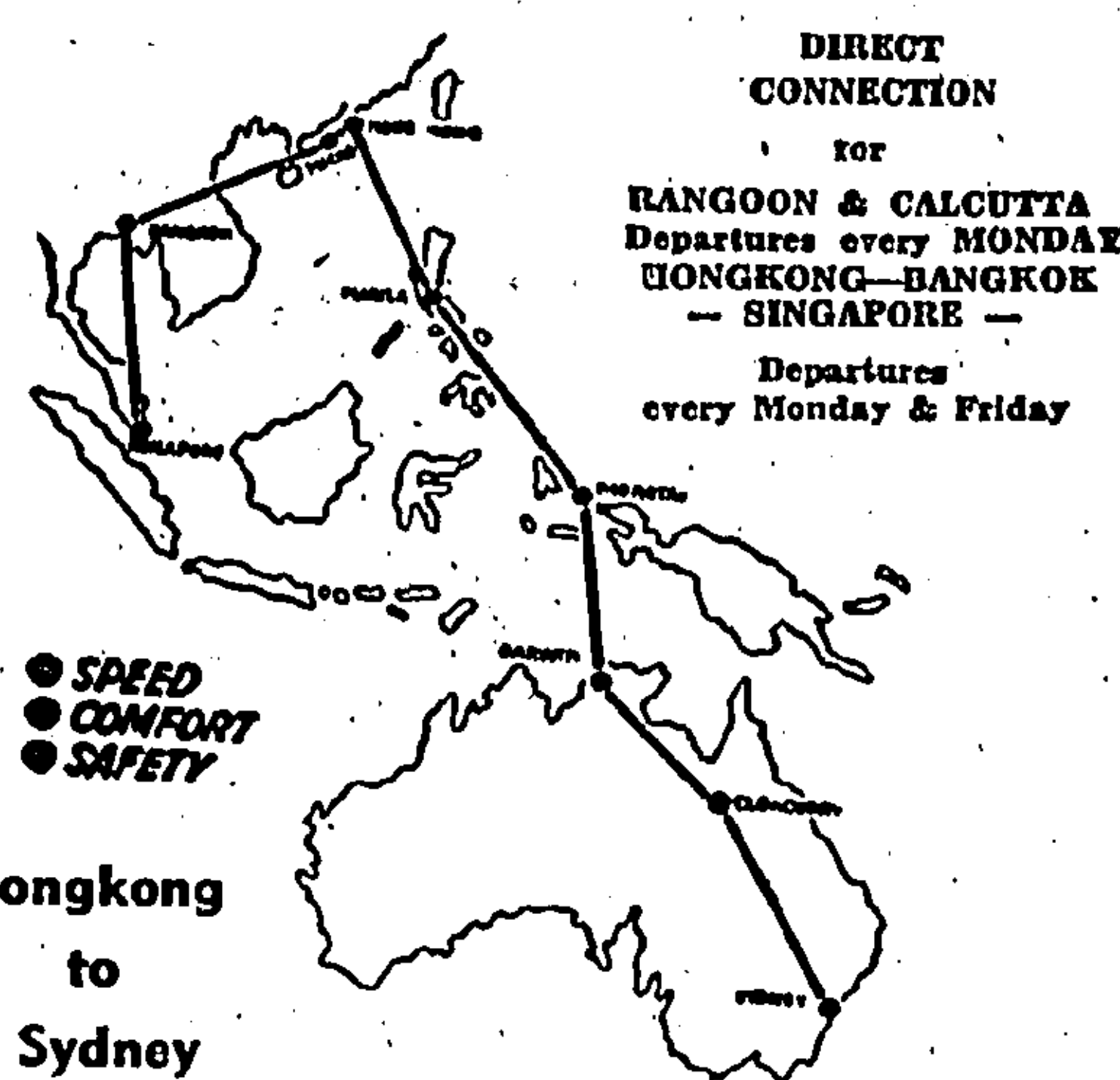
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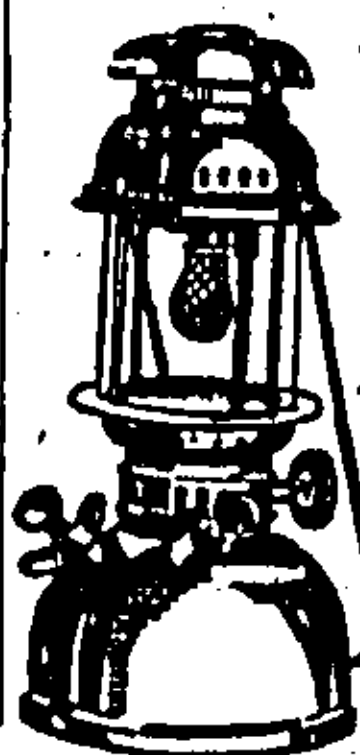
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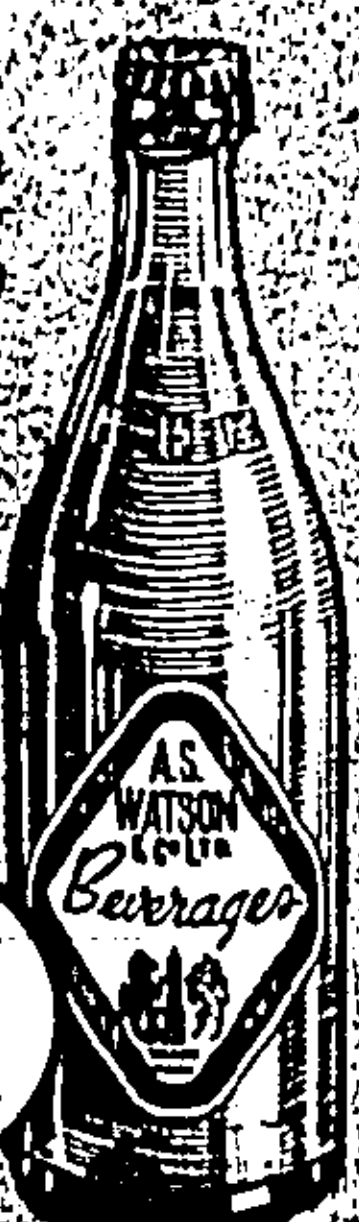
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In the world of fashion, we are coming to believe that almost anything can happen. Today's style cycle has made a broader sweep than usual, reaching farther back into the past and encompassing within its scope much that lies between.

Here, in 1948, are the wasp waists, bustles, basques, looped and draped skirts of the 1870's and 1880's, and the ruffled petticoats of the early 1900's.

Nearly every day something old is new again!

But so far Dame Fashion has not drawn within her orbit the accessories and knick-knacks that were the delight of fashionable ladies of bygone eras. Some of them, forgotten for decades, built a unique niche for themselves in fashion's whirligig.

One charming accessory of other years that many of us would welcome back is the sunshade; indeed, fashion is already forecasting its return. Why it ever went out is a mystery.

It was practical and a flattering addition to any woman's costume, whether spread above her head or twirled with careless grace in her hand. There were many beautiful parasols, dressy ones of "changanable" silk, elegant pure white ones with carved ivory handles, and practical ones of natural pongee, lined with green silk to give extra protection against the sun's rays.

Also, to complete the summer costume were mitts. These were usually of silk, some of them almost cobwebby in texture, others with exquisite lace patterns.

Black and white were the most popular, with pastel colours for

young girls; and mitts came in two lengths, wrist and elbow.

They were so much cooler than gloves, and here's wishing hoping that we shall see them again soon.

Feathers And Frills

And, since we're on the subject of accessories, I would remind you of the feather bon, usually of finely curled ostrich, and a softly fluttering finish to day or evening costume when secured loosely about the neck with ribbons to match the colour of the feathers.

Of course, these were for looks only. For real comfort, there was the practical collar of fur with high collar that came well up over one's ears in the winter. This was a detached piece that could be worn over any coat and these are coming in again.

Children's apparel shows the "new look," too, and one wonders whether we shall see old-fashioned pinafores once more. They were charming on demure little girls of another generation who wore them to school over their wool frocks in the winter.

Dainty pinafores were usually made of dimity or nainsook, trimmed with lace-edged ruffles, often with crisply starched shoulder wings. And when we returned from school in the afternoon, the pinafore was replaced by the practical, long-sleeved slingham tye, to keep your dress clean.

Along with the new fullness, the drapes and loops in skirts, will the pocket of Grandmother's day return? (It would probably have a zipper this time!) That pocket was always more or less of a mystery to us children; but

Grandmother never had any trouble in finding it in the voluminous folds of her skirt.

"Baby Ribbons"

It's pleasant to know that femininity is back in all its billowy, frilly softness. Once more it's possible to buy in the shops lovely Val laces, insertions and beadings through which dainty ribbons are run when used on lingerie (they used to be called "baby ribbons"), with black velvet ribbon for frocks.

Remember the deep yokes of allover embroidery in summer dresses? They were usually finished with a lace-edged ruffle joined to the dress with a band of beading through which velvet ribbon was laced, finishing with a rosette on the left shoulder.

All this talk of lace and ribbon reminds me of the dainty nightgowns (always with sleeves and plenty of frills), camisoles, and ruffled petticoats of varying lengths and the dainty dressing gowns of flowered lawn for summer wear at home.

This popular garment was sold in high-class city shops well after the turn of the century. For winter wear, these were made of challis, flannel, or albatross, and were trimmed with silk or velvet. Switching to outer garments of yesteryear, there is one in particular that I should like to wear again (slender straws in the fashion wind indicate a possibility), and that is the golf cape, so popular in the late 1880's and early 1900's.

Why it was so named, I don't know, but every schoolgirl, to be well dressed, had to have a golf cape!

It was made of heavy wool coat fabric, usually reversible—plain on one side and plaid on the other. The cape was made full and came well below the hips; the hood was made from the plaid side of the goods. Well—hoods are here anyway!

And so one waits, with pleasant, nostalgic expectancy, to see what fashion, dipping into the limbo of other years, will come up with next!



This Navy Blue wool felt boater with side loops of red, white and blue Peterham ribbon, trimmed with white tie veil, was seen during a display of British summer millinery in London a fortnight ago. (A. P. Photo)

How to Buy a Hat: Consider Colour Effect

BY NINON

Every woman wants a hat to do something for her. It must be becoming in line and colour and it must make people notice her. In determining the colour of a hat, some serious thought is

necessary. A woman must take three things into consideration:

1—The costume or costumes with which she expects to wear the hat.

2—The colour of her skin, hair and eyes.

3—The millinery shades being featured in the shops.

Each hat the shopper tries on must be quickly analyzed from all three standpoints. And, if a woman cannot hear herself think while her milliner is talking, she should ask for three minutes of silence before making up her mind to accept or reject a style.

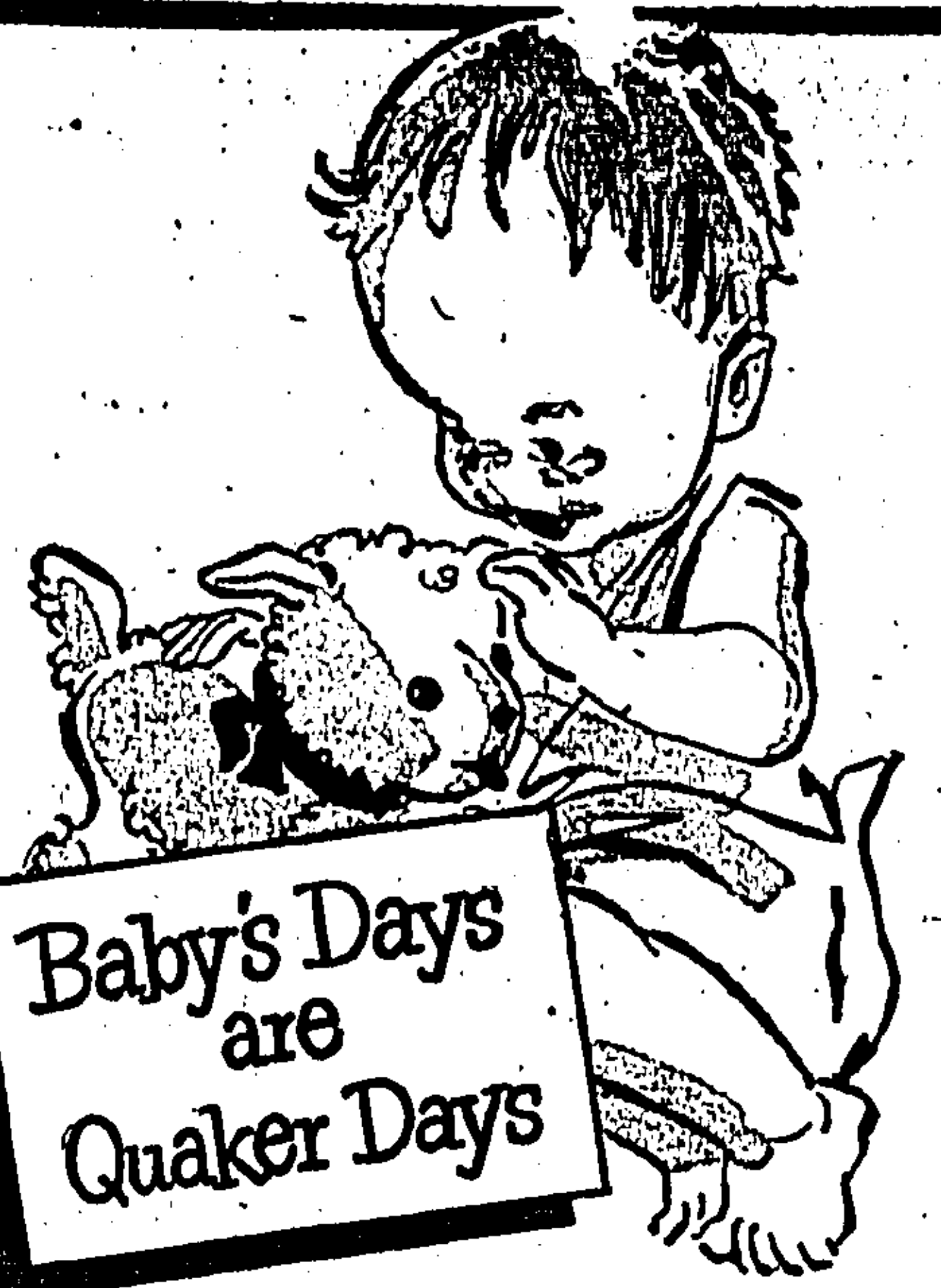
Never fall in love with a hat and then look for a costume to go with it. Select a dress or suit and then the accessories. If possible, choose a hat at the same time the new outfit is selected.

A woman's hat must harmonize with her costume and flatter her face. Some women manage to do all right with what they call a "colour sense," or feminine intuition, and others make a study of the rules of harmony.

Regardless of different intensities and hues, together with fashion names that change from season to season, the three groups of colours are the bases of all simple or complicated colour schemes.

In millinery, the designers have created colours and combinations of colours that are feminine, delicate and utterly charming. Everything has been done this season to help a woman achieve a "pretty" look.

Belge neutrals of wheat, chamols, natural and burnt (a gentle brown) are popular, together with pure white and gray. Navy blue is regarded as a flattering colour to virtually all complexions.

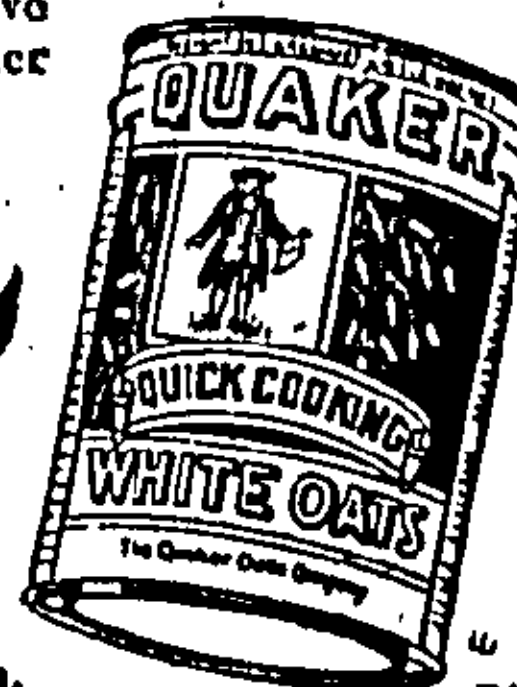


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KWANGTUNG DEVELOPMENT**Joint Sino-American Programme?****Port At Whampoa: Naval Bases**

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

The recent visit to South China of United States officials who joined with Chinese authorities in inspecting agricultural, electric power and harbour facilities; today was linked to reports that the Chinese Government is preparing a South China development programme of considerable magnitude.

Both military and economic considerations are said to be involved, with the use of some of the funds appropriated by the United States Congress 'playing a major role. The Chinese and American Governments will be joint administrators in setting up the programme.

Japanese technicians who have remained in South China since V-J Day as advisers in technical developments, particularly on Hainan Island, also will be employed, it is said.

A source close to the Government here said the programme will cover Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Kiangsi and Hunan provinces, as well as Hainan and Taiwan Island.

Organisations representing China were listed as the Kwangtung Provincial Government, the National Resources Commission, the National Economic Council, the Ministry of Water Conservation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

Defence Bases

Funds for the projects ostensibly would be provided through the sale of commodities to be sent to China under the commodity fund provisions of the \$463,000,000 United States aid programme.

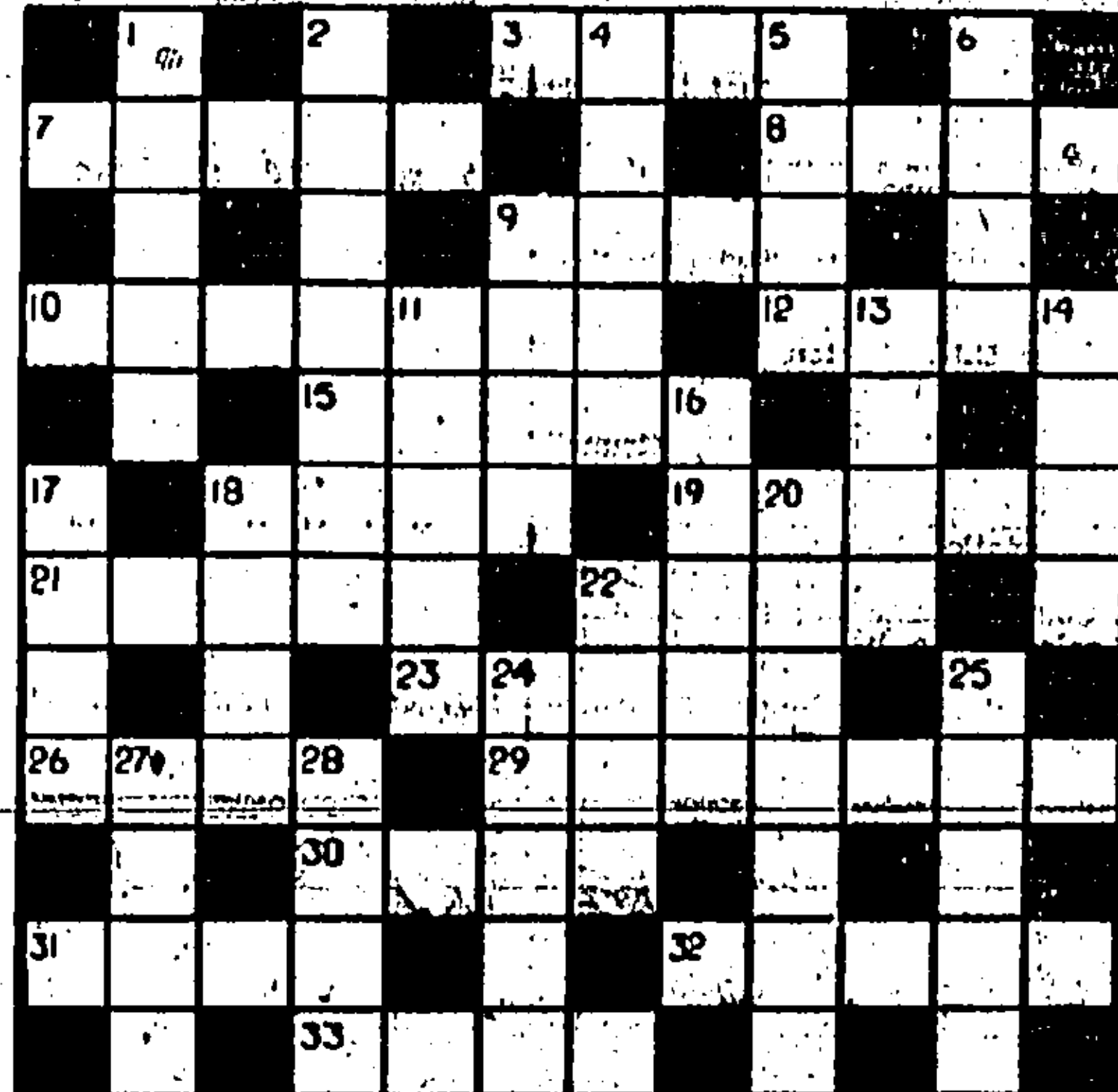
Some of the operational methods and administrative procedures for raising and expending the proceeds in Chinese currency, were outlined in the letter of intent submitted to the Chinese Government at Washington.

The main points of the programme include:—

1. Building up the ports of Whampoa in Kwangtung, Tsingy in Taiwan, and Hainan in Hainan, as top-flight naval bases and training centres for the Navy, Army and Air Forces. The American Advisory Group in China would play a major role in this development, working with the Generalissimo's field headquarters at Canton, and high Navy, Army and Air Force personnel.

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2. The tapping of mineral resources, the establishment of small plants for national defence.

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Anti-Franco Resolution

Paris, Apr. 25.
A resolution by the Spanish Socialist Party calling for abolition of the Franco regime and prompt establishment of democratic liberalism in Spain was unanimously adopted tonight during the 15-nation Socialist Conference here.

The conference considers Spain to be an integral part of European unity and that the only obstacle to its full integration lies in the maintenance of the Franco regime, the resolution declared.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Visits Sweden

London, Apr. 26.
The Royal Air Force has arranged an exchange of visits with the Royal Swedish Air Force during the next two months, the Air Ministry announced on Sunday.

A squadron of Hornet fighters will leave for Sweden on May 20, spend a week at a base near Stockholm, move to Gothenburg to stay from May 28 to May 30 and return to the United Kingdom on May 31.

The Royal Swedish Air Force will return the visit early in June and its squadron will stay at an R.A.F. Fighter Command station.—Associated Press.

Jerusalem To Be An Open City?

Lake Success, Apr. 25.
Emergency steps designed to make Jerusalem virtually an open city took top priority in the United Nations today.

Many United Nations delegates have almost abandoned hope of obtaining an effective truce in the Holy Land but seek a way to spare Jerusalem's holy places. Alexander Parodi, of France, put before the Assembly Political Committee a resolution intended to place Jerusalem under United Nations care promptly.

Parodi's resolution will be debated in the political committee tomorrow.

Parodi indicated that he hopes the United Nations will be able to agree on Palestinian guards in Jerusalem to protect the city if it becomes a United Nations responsibility.—Associated Press.

There is no change in our policy," he told the United Press. "The only information I ordered to be withheld other than for security reasons is that of private correspondence."

He said such private correspondence would include personal letters sent him by members of Congress.

"In such cases it would be up to the Congressman to make the information public if he wanted," he said.

The American Military Governor said in the past there have been instances of military government officials giving out information of this nature.

Clay added: "I will say again anything concerning the official conduct of military government operations in Germany is open to the press for public examination anytime. We have not and will not install censorship of any sort."

He said he would notify his army public information chief, Col. David M. Fowler, of the misinterpretation by newsmen of the new directive. He said Fowler would be readvised what the directive was meant to cover in order there would be no misunderstanding in future.

"I think Col. Fowler understands it," Clay said. "He wrote it; so he should. But in case there may be misunderstanding I will make it clear what it means."—United Press.

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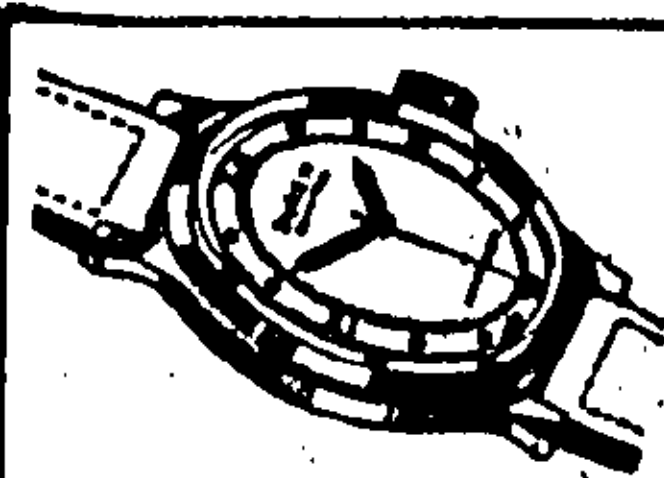
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BRAVES EARNED JUNIOR TITLE

Socialism Aim In Australia

Sydney, Apr. 25.
Commenting on the nationalization of banks in Australia, Mr. Reginald Pollard, Minister of Commerce, said at a Labour Day dinner at Ballarat last night: "We will go on and on until eventually in Australia you will have a great cooperative Commonwealth."
"Its wealth will be owned by the people and will be operated in a socialistic manner for our people as a whole."
Australian banks became nationalized under an Act which received the Royal Assent last November, but in February trading banks and the States of Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia began a law suit in the Australian High Court to restrain the Commonwealth Government from proclaiming the Act.
After a 30-day hearing, judgment was reserved on April 15.—Reuter.

Drove Without Licence

That he was driving a sick friend was the excuse given to the police by Fung Pan, 23, clerk of the Belgian Bank, when he was arrested by Insp. J. Hayward on the Repulse Bay Road at 12.25 a.m. on April 24, said Insp. H. Browning at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when he was prosecuting Fung. He was charged with driving without a licence and driving without due care and caution.
Defendant pleaded "Guilty."
Insp. Browning said that defendant was in front of Insp. Hayward. For the part of a mile he held the crown of the road and Mr. Hayward could not overtake him.
When he was stopped it was discovered that he did not have a driving licence. He had with him another man who had a licence. Defendant said that he was driving the friend home as he was sick.
He was fined a total of \$150 by Mr. Hin-shing Lo on both charges.

Brothel Raided

A brothel at No. 84, Jaffe Road, second floor, protected by a bunch of pimps acting as watch-dogs and which managed to escape the arm of the law for some time, was finally brought to account when Sub-Inspector Hayward raided the premises at 1.55 a.m. yesterday.
The whole flat was used as a brothel, Inspector H. Moran told the Court at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday when a 48-year-old female was charged with keeping a brothel. Five beds with five couples were found.
Pleading guilty, the woman was fined \$250 or one month on non-payment plus two months imprisonment, the terms to run consecutively.

Tried To Bribe P.C.

Chin Chung (45), 15-month-old PC 1764 \$5 to release Lau Fu, 21-year-old female hawkler, who the constable was bringing to the Shamshuipo Police Station at 8 p.m. on April 24 to be charged with causing an obstruction.
Instead of taking the money, the constable arrested Chin and charged him with offering a bribe. Before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, Chin was found guilty and fined \$100 or six weeks' hard labour.
Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth prosecuted.

Hawked Out Of Her Pitch

She had just received her "Hong Kong Telegraph" and was on her way to her fixed Queen's Theatre pitch when she was arrested, 50-year-old Tam Mui pleaded when she was brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistrate's Court yesterday charged with hawking outside her licensed pitch.
The constable, who arrested her, told the Court that he kept the woman under observation for about 10 minutes outside the Bluebird Store.
Mr. d'Almeida fined Tam \$30.

Triumph Over Stars Far From Easy

(By "Grandstand")
The Braves fully deserved their title of Junior League Champions by subduing a powerful All-Star side comprising the cream of the diamond artists in the minor circuit.

The Homotini Warriors' victory was not an easy one, with hopes almost doomed the last time they came in to bat in the seventh and trailing behind 5-3, but brilliant strategy on the part of mentor Billy Soares enabled them to squeeze in the tying run and four more to spare. The Braves utilized two hurlers, Vic Pedruco being banished in favour of fire-man Chappy Remedios in the second frame, who pulled his side out of the fire by fanning M. Yusuf for the third out while the bases were brimming with potential All-Star runs. Pedruco was nicked for two blows in his one and two-third inning tenure but gave up five walks, while Chappy Remedios, who is credited with winning the game, checked a no hit performance in five and one-third chapters.

Les Castro, master-minding the Rest, started Al Azevedo of the Blue Beetles, who retained control of the ball for six innings, but faltered in the seventh after he threw out on the heat with "hot and run" tactics which resulted in Azevedo losing confidence. Pedruco fanned one while Chappy Remedios, who finished the game for the victors, whiffed four. Azevedo was content to leave the rest to his supporting fielders and whiffed many a Brave.

Disorderly Behaviour

Wu Pak-shing and six others were charged with disorderly behaviour before Mr. Hin Shing Lo at Central Magistrate's Court. Wu was fined \$150 and the other six were bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months in a bond of \$250.
Insp. A. B. Fleming O.C., Shaw-kiwan, prosecuting, said that defendants were brought to the station and all wanted to charge the other with assault. As there was no proof of assault he had charged them with disorderly behaviour.
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Yugoslav Conversion Loan Period

The 1947 Yugoslav Conversion Loan period has now been extended to May 31 provided the owners have complied with earlier regulations calling for deposit and registration of bonds, etc., by June 30.
In making declarations owners must state: (a) whether any other person has deposited bonds, etc., on owners' behalf and if so who and to what amount, (b) whether in addition to bonds etc. owner has any other claims against the state giving details, and (c) whether owners' property has been confiscated by the state.
People to whom this applies should communicate with the Yugoslav Embassy, 195 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Stole Car, Crashed, Then Left It

The owner of private car No. 1010 had a surprise when he found his car involved in an accident yesterday afternoon. He was more surprised when he was told that the man who had driven it left the vehicle after it had smashed the rear of Bus No. 4128 outside the Dockyard, Queen's Road, Central.
Police inquiries revealed that a car turning into the Dockyard caused the bus to halt. The private car following behind ran into the bus, damaging its rear badly. The driver then left the car on the road and disappeared.
Filing the information together we come to the conclusion that a team clicks when the battery order is calculated so that, any time a base-runner gets on, a more than average hitter follows. That is known in some quarters as playing the percentage, and it counts, too.

American 'War Jitters' Subsiding

Washington, Apr. 26.
The war jitters, which reached an acute stage here last month, appear today to have subsided considerably, but the mood of the capital still is one of grave anxiety about the world situation.

There was almost unanimous agreement that the situation is "very, very serious," as the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) said it was early last month.

Congress and the administration are determined to press ahead with new defence measures.

At the same time, the capital has relaxed at least a bit from the state of near-hysteria which prevailed in many quarters immediately after Mr. Truman's speech to the joint session of Congress calling for a revival of the draft.

The belief that war is inevitable and imminent has lost ground. That belief was amazingly widespread here last month, despite the fact that it never was supported by any official utterance of responsible administration or Congressional leaders.—United Press.

Shanghai Hotels To Screen Guests

Shanghai, Apr. 26.
Hotel guests who have no regular employment and who cannot give good reasons for staying in hotels will be closely questioned and investigated by the police in future, it is learned today.

The step is said to be in connection with the tightening up of the "rebel suppression movement" and ferreting out of undesirable elements in Shanghai.

An investigation of Buddhist and Taoist monks, who usually take up temporary abode in temples and monasteries while passing through the city, will also be instituted.

It is understood that hotel guests will be requested to register with police booths, which will be established at various street corners throughout the city, if they intend to stay in a hotel for more than one month.

Police informants indicated that most of the hotel guests use fictitious names for registration and that their true identification has been difficult to ascertain. It is also alleged that many of these hotel guests are engaged in illegal activities.

The police also intimated that a census will be carried out at Shanghai's 100 temples and all monks will be issued resident certificates as ordinary residents.—Reuter.

Royal Silver Wedding

(Continued from Page 1)
As the State landau left St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday, every man and woman in the British Empire looked back on their wedding day as did the smiling occupants of the landau, a little player perhaps, but just as much in love as they were 25 years ago.—United Press.

Parliament's Tribute
This afternoon, a brief scene in Parliament—outwardly the least spectacular of all the day's rejoicings—brought to a climax the nation's tribute to the Crown.

Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons moved an address of congratulation to the King and Queen, to be handed to them by Privy Counsellors representing all political parties.

"Men and women see in the Royal Family an example of that way of life which unites us all," Mr. Attlee said.

"The Silver Wedding of the King and Queen, who had endeared themselves to the people throughout the Commonwealth, is a cause of lively satisfaction to us all."

Communist Underground

Santiago, Apr. 26.
The Chilean Government today charged that a vast international Communist underground organization had been formed in Northern Chile by agents of Russia and Yugoslavia.
The investigation service said documents found in the possession of an arrested Yugoslav Communist, Kristo Szilgoric, contained detailed information on Communist activities in the area surrounding the key Northern port of Antofagasta.
The papers reportedly included a letter to the Yugoslav general, Ljubomir Ilic, described by the investigation service as the "leader of secret Communist organizations in the Americas."
United Press.

Chiang To Control Athletics

Shanghai, Apr. 26.
President Chiang Kai-shek will be chairman of the forthcoming Chinese National Athletic Meet opening here on May 5, according to Chinese reports.
Mayor K. C. Wu, and Mr. Chu Chia-hua, Minister of Education, will be vice-chairmen.
For the convenience of spectators, who are expected to total 30,000 at the height of the meet, special bus and taxi-cab services have been organized.
Fifty different Chinese teams from all parts of the world, including the South Seas and the United States, will participate.
The latest entries are three tennis players from Honolulu.
Following the arrival of the Indonesian Chinese delegation a few days ago, the Taiwan team of over 45 boys and girls are expected here today. The Peruvians are said to possess strong baseball, softball and pingpong teams.—Reuter.

County Cricket Preview: MIDDLESEX HOPES TO SUCCEED AGAIN

London, Apr. 26.
Middlesex, with the most powerful batting quartette in County cricket—Brown, Robertson, Edrich and Denis Compton—hope to win the championship for the second successive year. The only occasion they have done this was in 1920 and 1921.
They have a very strong batting side and expect big things from the 17-year-old schoolboy, Ian Bedford, whose leg-breaks and googlies bear the stamp of exceptional promise.

Yorkshire's bowling, lacking the services of Bill Bowes now retired, does not look as formidable as usual and against most rivals they must look chiefly to their batsmen. Here, much responsibility rests on Len Hutton's shoulders, though great hopes are expected of Gerald Smithson, Watson, Halliday and Lester, who last season made three centuries.

With all but one of the 1947 playing staff re-engaged, Derbyshire expect another season as successful as last when they advanced from 15th place to 6th in the table. Worthington, after serving Derbyshire for 24 years, has accepted a League Cricket engagement, and is the only notable absentee.

Stars Absent
The special rule dealing with light appeals for matches with the Australians, including Tests, whereby either side may appeal once on any day during any innings, will not apply to County matches. In these games the umpires will be the sole judges, and they must make their decisions without conferring with the captain of the fielding side.

Many leading figures will be absent from regular cricket this season, including the captain, R. V. Robins (Middlesex), A. B. Sellers (Yorkshire) and P. Grammer (Warwickshire).

F. G. Mann, son of F. T. Mann, former Middlesex captain, takes over the Middlesex captaincy, and Norman Yardley succeeds Brian Sellers.

Dollery, a professional, is to lead Warwickshire until R. M. Maudsley finishes his term at Oxford University, and another professional, Berry, continues to captain Leicestershire.

Aussies' Debut
Naturally the Test matches against Australia, the first to be played in England for ten years, will dominate the new cricket season, which begins at Worcester on April 28, where the Australians play the county, but the County championship promises to be as exciting as last year, when Middlesex wrested the title from the dominant north.

This season, for the first time, umpires are being allowed to "stand" in matches in which their former counties are engaged.

One of their member, the celebrated Frank Chester, is to receive a testimonial sponsored by the MCC in recognition of his services to the game.—Reuter.

Bondage Of Eastern Europe

Melbourne, Apr. 26.
Archbishop Mannix, speaking at a Labour Day Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral today, said the whole of Eastern Europe is now in a bondage worse than any the world has seen.

He expressed the opinion that the Italian Government victory in the elections is not final and said he is certain the millions of Communists in Italy who are taking orders from Moscow are not going to sit down idle if employers are not prepared to do their duty.

Communism in Australia is on the increase, he said, and appealed to employers and employees to show unity in consideration of the question.—United Press.

H.M.S. LONDON TO VISIT NANKING

Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, K.C.B.E., C.B.E., D.S.C., Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, is scheduled to pay a courtesy visit to Nanking in H.M.S. "London," from May 10 to 16.

The ship will visit Shanghai from May 17 to 27.
H.M.S. "London" is commanded by Captain Charles T. Abbs, D.S.O., Royal Navy, and is a modern cruiser of 10,000 tons displacement.

She will be accompanied by the escort vessel, H.M.S. "Alert," whose passengers will include Lady Boyd and five other women. This will be H.M.S. "London's" first visit to Shanghai.

Rationing In Canton

Canton, Apr. 26.
Owing to the success of rice rationing in Canton, a similar scheme of rationing other foodstuffs and fuel may be introduced in the next two or three months.

Should the scheme be introduced it will probably be started at the time that the American loan functions.

It is also proposed to ration rice in Swatow. For this purpose a team of rationing officials will receive necessary training in Canton.—Reuter.

POLICE BEAT FRENCH

London, Apr. 26.
The Metropolitan Police rugby team defeated the French Schoolboys on Sunday 10-5.
The British Home Secretary, Mr. C. Butler, and visiting police officials from Paris were among the big crowd that saw the game.—Associated Press.

Valley Handicaps

The following handicaps for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on Saturday are announced:—

1st Race—Victoria Peak H'cap. (1st Sec.) Class 5. One Mile. Anyway (141), Avilon (154), Desert Knight (142), Flying Arrow (158), Jeep Shing (140), Larkspur Lad (147), Lovely Lady (150), Masterpiece (152), Sunshine (148), Tripoli (148), Windermere (144).

2nd Race—Mount Parker H'cap. (1st Sec.) Class 5. From 1/2 M.P.—Arfield (143), Books (140), Brivisto (154), Constant Star (137), Countess Delight (130), Ding How (141), Fat Choy (141), Flight (159), Good Bay (135), Herole Lassie (130), Miami Beauty (151), National Gift (143), Priority (135), Queen of Hearts (159), Rosebud (152), Seafire (145), Sino Marshall (140), Souvenir (138), Toowoomba Boy (159), Vagabond King (147).

3rd Race—St. George's Plate. One Mile—Amazon (135), Batfield (135), Black Market (159), Blue Ribbon (138), Blue Sky (138), Boom Town (135), Chesterfield (136), Desire (135), Diamondfield (135), Empress of Peace (135), Flying Jib (135), Fort Knox (135), Jeep Shing (135), Justice of Peace (135), Kentucky Moon (135), King of Peace (135), Lovely Lady (135), Meteor (140), Noondy Sun (135), Pearl River (135), Pleasant Valley (135), Rebel (135).

N.B.—St. George's Plate. If top weight does not accept, the following weights will apply: Amazon (135), Batfield (135), Blue Ribbon (148), Blue Sky (148), Boom Town (135), Chesterfield (141), Desire (135), Diamondfield (135), Empress of Peace (135), Flying Jib (130), Fort Knox (135), Jeep Shing (135), Justice of Peace (130), Kentucky Moon (138), King of Peace (135), Lovely Lady (135), Meteor (135), Noondy Sun (135), Pearl River (135), Pleasant Valley (142), Rebel (135).

7th Race—Victoria Peak H'cap. (2nd Sec.) Class 3. One Mile. Boom Town (150), Happy Valley (140), Jeep Lee (150), King of Peace (140), Lana (142), Meteorologist (152), Rasher (149), Red Fox (149), Spadaway (140), Victorious (143).

8th Race—Mount Parker H'cap. (2nd Sec.) Class 5. From 1/2 M.P.—Al Fresco (143), Arctic (139), Battledore (159), Blue Peter (138), Cassie (160), Dashing Beauty (141), D Day (150), Fluke Shot (139), Juno (150), Kingfisher (153), Pacific (149), Kingfisher (153), Possibility (159), Prosperity (144), Richard (158), Rifle (138), The Chief (139), Tootsie (141), Trade Wind (151).

Cup Finalists To Tour Continent

London, Apr. 25.
Five Cup finalists were included in a team of 18 chosen by the Football Association today for a tour of the continent in May.

Manchester United, the Cup winners, will be represented by Aston, Cockburn and Pearson. Blackburn, the runners up, will be represented by Matthews and Mortenson.

Others chosen are Swift, Manchester City, South Shields, Arsenal, Hove, Derby, Wright, Wolverhampton, Franklin, Stoke, Nicholson, Tottenham, Finney, Preston, Lawton, Notts County, Marnion, Middleburgh and Langton, Blackburn.

A sixteenth player will be picked later.
The team will play Italy at Turin on May 16, a Swiss team at Bellinzona on May 19, and an exhibition match at Schaffhausen in the Zurich Canton either on May 22 or May 23.—Associated Press.

REQUIEM MASS FOR PRES. ROXAS

A solemn Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Manuel Roxas, President of the Philippine Republic, was said at the Roman Catholic Cathedral yesterday.

Rev. Father P. Filagosa, assisted by Fathers Contore and Fung, officiated, while Rev. Father A. Righetti was at the organ.

The service was attended by Captain A. F. F. Wilson (representing H. E. the Governor), Mr. Emilio D. Belas, Consul for the Philippines, President and members of the Philippine Club, members of the Philippine Community, Brothers and students of St. Joseph's College and many others.

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